

**Student Life Committee Minutes
November 20, 1997**

Absent: Fitzhugh, Smith
Guest: Jim Hoppe

Regarding the SLC's charge to review and evaluate the objectives established by the Trustees for the Greek system, Chair Mace suggested we continue to go through the last 2 sets of criteria on new page 28 and 29.

Kay noted that some of #4 (interaction between Greeks and Independents) related to "pledge (activities during fall semester) are not applicable today because of deferred rush.

Kay and Mace discussed #4, the expectation that chapters will develop several co-sponsored programs annually with independent organizations to promote campus-wide activities. Mace noted that the Casual Interaction Policy seems to be working toward fulfilling goals in this area. Kay noted that co-sponsorship is encouraged, but not required in that policy.

Mileti and Piccardo mentioned some recent efforts by Panhellenic to sponsor campus-wide activities. These were not co-sponsored activities. Washburn asked if we should look at the results of co-sponsoring events, as opposed to the activity of co-sponsoring events? Might co-sponsoring have the opposite effect of discouraging individual friendships? Kay mentioned that the Board has always supported one-on-one relations between Greeks and Independents to encourage casual interaction but that IFC and PHC have been opposed to "talking to freshmen individually" because this may be considered "dirty rushing". IFC and PHC have within the last year taken a new interest in promoting individual interaction, but still want to structure it through group activities. Washburn stated that the SLC and Faculty Senate want to encourage individual interaction. Hoppe said that maybe there should be a variety of group [kind?] of interaction--to get culture change. Mace said this would be hard to mandate, and instead we should encourage organizations to co-sponsor when/if they wanted to. Kay said that a guideline might be desirable which stated that if groups are going to meet they should co-sponsor an event.

Mace concluded that the Dean of Students Office was working on #4 issues. Kay noted that some freshmen want more all campus events. Anton asked what events are all campus that attract lots of students. Kay listed the campus picnic and student activities fair during Orientation, Homecoming, Mistletoast, Spring Weekend, Family Weekend, Casino Night, Foolish Pleasures, and spring (or winter) formal. Kay noted that fraternities and sororities are doing a good job of developing educational and cultural programs for their own members. Mace noted that the Dean's office was trying to accomplish objectives #3, 4, and 5. Mace brought up the issue of the occupancy rates (#1). Three-fourths of them had one year dips in their rates. The consequences of not meeting the criteria is under discussion by the Greek Partnership group. Kay noted that two chapters have members but don't make them live in.

Objectives #1B were not met--the requirement of upper-class residency in order to fill the house.

#1C. This criterion is alive and well and applied consistently.

#1D does not apply.

#2 Mace brought in the data for the past 5 years related to alcohol abuse. There have been 62 violations--30.5 Greek and 31.5 independents. Anton asked what constituted a violation. Kay answered that anything Security writes up a report on. Mace noted further that the Greeks do account for a slightly disproportionate number of all alcohol violations, but that the actual number varies over the years. The vast majority occur in May and December. Mace asked if the violations occurred at Greek sponsored events? Independent? Or on their own?

Kay brought up the student integrity code--that students are supposed to report cases of violation of any University violation. But that today it is not quite in the spirit of Greek practice to report violations.

Objective #3 [academic performance]: Mace will follow up on.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Balaam