

**Student Life Committee Minutes
December 4, 1997**

All members present

Committee chair Mace opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m..

The minutes of previous SLC were discussed. J. Kay suggested several modifications; particularly concerning the issue of campus wide activities co-sponsored by Pan Hellenic. D. Balaam agreed to make the suggested modifications.

The minutes were accepted as amended.

T. Mace reported that at the last meeting we had reviewed all of the criteria (1 - 5) that the board was using and we had decided to use to see how things were going after the implementation of the deferred rush. One thing that still needed to be decided was item #3 concerning academic performance of sorority and fraternity members. John Finney had supplied the SLC with a break down of the GPA's for fraternity, sorority, and all UPS undergraduates for the years 1990 through 1997. J. Kay obtained a report from the Office of the Registrar of undergraduate term grade averages with similar break down divisions for the years 1983 through 1991. After looking at all of the data, the consensus was that there was no significant difference between the Greek and non Greek GPA averages. The SLC concludes that objective #3 has been met.

T. Mace suggested that the committee once again review its deliberations on each of the 5 criteria to clarify its conclusions. The conclusions were as follows:

Item 1: Access to University Residence

1a. The rule is in effect, but compliance is variable.

The Greek Partnership Committee is studying the issue.

1b. This objective has not been met

1c. This objective has been met

1d. This objective does not apply

Item 2: Alcohol Use

The number of incidences appears to be going down but the data is not reliable since so many independents live off campus and would not be included in campus security reports. The committee has seen no evidence to support that this objective is not being met. In addition the Greeks are providing their members with educational programs on alcohol abuse.

Item 3: Academic Performance

This objective has been met.

Item 4: Interaction Between Greeks and Independents

The Greeks are supportive but have taken no initiative on their own.

They have not developed activities for interaction.

Item 5: Support for Common Freshman Year Experience

Some of these objectives are not applicable and others are presently being worked on by the Dean of Students' Office.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the conclusions of items 4 and 5. All members agreed that the Greeks have in the past and continue to be very supportive of campus wide events but have not been the initiators of campus wide events. Several members questioned whether the Greeks should be held more accountable than other groups for initiating events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol M. Smith