

STUDENT & CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE

January 18, 2001

CALL TO ORDER:

The monthly Student and Campus Life Committee of Thursday, January 18, 2001, convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Morris Mayer room at Ferguson. Dr. D'Linell Finley, chairperson of the committee, called the meeting to order. The first order of business was a discussion of the pledge period. The committee reviewed the proposal sent by Dr. Kathleen Cramer titled, "Pledge/New Member Programming". The committee agrees with the entire proposal, except for the linkage of hazing to length of pledge period. It is the committee's position that a clear statement on hazing is needed regardless of the length of the pledge period.

ATTENDEES:

Bruce Barrett, Beth Bigelow, Stephen Boyd, Rick Funk, Greer Gray, LaJuan Hutchinson, Rob Ingram, Jennifer McCrary, Bryan Oliver, Nathan Reamey, Helga A. Visscher, John Paul Weber, Stacy Whitlow, and D'Linell Finley-Chairperson

MINUTES:

The student members of the committee did express some concerns that a six-week period might be too short for some organizations. The phase in of ten, eight, and six weeks over three pledge periods could require three periods of trying to adjust to the new pledge period. The committee suggests an alternative of one phase in pledge period with a maximum of ten weeks. This will allow pledge activities to be over before the Thanksgiving holiday. Additionally, a ten-week pledge period will not disrupt preparation for finals. The policy should be clearly stated that hazing would result in severe sanctions.

The committee notes the following strengths of the proposal: the new member education program is especially praiseworthy. This is also true of other parts, which put some structure and oversight in place to monitor the pledge period. Dr. Finley will communicate with Dr. Cramer on committee concerns.

There was some discussion of the success of the Social Policy on Alcohol. The committee will continue to hear concerns on how well the policy is working with regards to underage drinking.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Student & Campus Life Committee will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2001, in the Morris Mayer Room at Ferguson Center.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.