



Student Life Committee
of the University Senate

Minutes of the February 23, 2007 Meeting

Attending:

Kathy Byrnes, Assoc. VP for Student Life
Brett Caffrey, IFC President
Rev. Edward Enright, OSA, Theol and Rel Studies Dept.
Rebecca Glover, CAT
Joe Bob Gonzalez, MSL CoChair
Kevin Noller, Admissions
Dave Pedra, SGA VP
Paul Pugh, Dean of Students
Eric Quisenberry, Alumni Affairs
Rev. John P. Stack, OSA, VP for Student Life, Committee Chair
John von Euw, SGA President

1. Fr. Stack initiated general discussion on civility and respect on campus, in light of recent email incident with over 200 mass emails being sent and tone of some of the emails.
2. Behavior seen on campus, from leaving lectures early to emails to incidents of hate, range from rude and inappropriate to hateful and offensive. Is there a gap between who we like to say we are and what we are or appear to be upon closer examination?
3. Discussion points raised by those present—
 - a. At time student organizations can be a culprit of disrespectful behavior
 - b. Student body can have sense of entitlement, feeling that people have earned what they receive, but they have privilege
 - c. Offenses hurt the individual and also hurt the community
 - d. On an active campus, we need to teach and to learn to stand up for each other, need skills
4. Ideas
 - a. Use Fall Break for a program or retreat, students remain here over Break.
 - b. Use learning communities
 - c. Creating a Community of Respect document: How might we use this?
 - i. Use Presidents Round table to reach Greek students→ then the presidents can take the information back to their chapters.
 - ii. Discuss at the three Sunday Liturgies
 - d. Campus Wide meeting in the Pavilion: Fr. Donohue address the student body on civility, on acceptable behavior

5. Use the TV station → make an ad campaign or info-commercials to focus on idea of respect, of civility.
6. UPDATES:
 - a. Nova Fest → being moved to April 21, 2007

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