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Minutes of the SLC meeting of Oct 11th, 2005.

Members present: Jennifer Queen, Pedro Bernal (chair), Gabriel Berreneche, Benjamin Balak, Steve Neilson, Mae Fitchett, Nick Tantarri, Steve Miller, Pierce Neinken, Cat McConnell, and John Ordway.

- I. Call to order: Bernal called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
- II. Summary of discussion:
 - a. The meeting started with a decision by the committee to request that the “Take a student to lunch program” be reestablished starting in the spring of 2006.
 - b. Hoyt Edge had asked the committee to consider how to handle cases that are reported during the last week of class or during final exams week. The issue is particularly important because a considerable number of cases might come in at that time. The committee decided not to set up any special provisions to handle such cases and to require that reports involving seniors must be reported by the date senior grades are due in order to allow time to consider the case.
 - c. The meeting continued with a report by P. Bernal of his phone conversations with officials at Richmond and the University of Maryland about the issue of confidentiality. The students argued for complete confidentiality, presented the arguments in writing, and gathered enough support to obtain a majority. The document, as presently written, protects the identity of the accuser throughout the entire process.
 - d. The committee decided to attempt to present the document to the faculty at the Nov. faculty meeting. In order to accomplish that, it decided to call an emergency meeting in order to resolve the remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Pedro Bernal
Chair