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## **DRAFT**

Minutes of the SLC meeting of Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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

1. Call to order: Bernal called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

II. Summary of discussion:

The meeting started with a discussion of some hazing incidents that occurred on campus. Pierce Neinken asserted that such incidents do happen but that they tend to be blown out of proportion and that in fact the situation is much improved over years ago. Professor Balak stated that such events, and the conditions that make them possible, are unacceptable and that some way must be found to educate students about the nature of the presuppositions that perpetuate the situation. Cat McConnell said that SGA is working on improving relations between the Greek system and faculty and staff and that a concerted effort was going to be made to identify faculty that would like to be advisors. Professor Barreneche expressed concern about participating in such a system because of liability concerns. The ability of the faculty advisor to stop actions in which students can get hurt is minimal and yet, an official connection might make the professor liable. Both professors Queen and Bernal recommended that students should find out who, among faculty members, belonged to fraternities or sororities during their college years. Those individuals are more likely to understand and be sympathetic to the system. The average faculty member may not be inclined to participate if their opinion of the Greek system is less than charitable.

The second half of the meeting was dedicated to the Social Honor Code. Discussion initially centered on the purpose of the document and the appropriate way to run it through the governance system if at all. After that the discussion turned to matters related to the content of the document. The rules are already explicitly stated in the Judicial office website and Dean Neilson did not see a reason to include them in the document. Cat McConnell, however, argued that they should be included in order to provide a single document that could be used as a resource. Dean Neilson and Cat McConnell agreed to get together to begin to shape such a document.

Respectfully submitted,

Pedro Bernal  
Chair

