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**Student Life Committee
Warden Dining Room
January 21, 2014**

In attendance:

Members: Yusheng Yao, Heidi Limongi, Zeynep Teymuroglu, Alice Davidson, Gianna Hernandez, Robert Hayman, Emmanuel Kodzi, Gabe Anderson, Scott Rubarth, Ed Leffler

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for Dec. 3 meeting were approved.

II SHIP Issues

Yusheng Yao reported that the Provost Office and the President Office contributed \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively to the SHIP funds. Alice Davidson mentioned that given that we have new funds available for SHIP, we might consider raising the financial support cap for International and National trips. Heidi mentioned that we might want to keep the same cap for financial support but increase the number of proposals we support.

The SLC decided that

SHIP Grant Cap for National Events: \$400

SHIP Grant Cap for International Events: \$1000

Gabe raised a concern that even though we have a sub-committee to deal with the issues about SHIP, the SLC spends an extensive amount of time to discuss such issues in the meetings. Yusheng Yao responded that we needed to revisit the SHIP issues because we need to finalize the policy and present to the faculty for a vote.

There was also a discussion of a petition process for students who missed the application deadline. The SHIP deadlines were published as Feb 12th and April 8th for this term. Rather than allowing students to submit a petition, the committee mentioned that students should apply on the possibility of being accepted to a conference so that they will not miss the deadlines, but should refund the money if they do not get accepted. The SLC might consider to change the deadlines and move the last deadline to the last meeting for the next cycle, however, we will continue to have Feb 12th and April 8th as our deadlines for this term.

III. Non-Smoking Policy

We had a discussion about the current smoking policy. Heidi Limongi mentioned that the school enforces an alcohol policy however we are not a smoke-free campus. Gabe mentioned that carrying a beer can on campus is illegal but smoking isn't. Scott Rubarth raised concerns about the campus safety/Ken Miller's comment on not enforcing a smoking policy because they do not think that is part of their job. Yusheng Yao will write an e-mail to Jeff Eisenbarth whether campus security has authority not to enforce a policy. Students raised concerns about enforcement--their asking people to move to a smoking zone areas, so they do not think that they will be able to get a student body to

support the smoke-free campus policy. Alice Davidson mentioned that she does not even know where all the smoking areas are. Students mentioned that they used to get e-mails informing them where the smoking areas are, however they do not anymore. Scott Rubarth mentioned that it might be because students figured out that they do not get penalized for smoking on campus. Heidi Limongi also mentioned that the smoke-free campus will require a culture change on campus. She mentioned that incident that she was yelled at when she asked someone to smoke at a smoking zone.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 pm.