Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the October 1, 1998 and November 5, 1998 SLDC meeting were approved unanimously. The motion to approve was made by John Diehl.

Absence Policy Revisions

Dr. Keppler reminded the committee of the charge to the Absence Policy Subcommittee: to rewrite the policy so that both students and professors have a clear presentation of the Absence Policy. The revised policy stipulates that four (4) absences can be excused if the student is on official university business. Examples of official university business include: participation of athletic events and attending conferences while representing GSU. To better clarify the policy, it was suggested by Heather Housley that the first line of the policy be deleted. With this clarification and the additional recommendation made by the Athletic Department (Any Absences beyond four require faculty approval in advance), a motion to approve the revision was made by Doris Derby, seconded by John Diehl, and approved unanimously (21-0-0).

Alpha & Omega

Dr. Keppler informed the SLDC that the committee was legally obligated to charter Alpha & Omega, a known affiliate of the International Church of Christ. Dr. Keppler presented the SLDC with his proposal for a Destructive Groups Prevention and Education Program. This program, to be implemented by the Dean of Student's Office in cooperation with other university offices, will provide education, resources, workshops, and information in order "to increase awareness of destructive groups in hopes of preventing unwitting recruitment". A motion Alpha & Omega's petition to charter was made by Bill Thomas, seconded by Montrine Thomas, and passed with a vote of 14-1-7.

Holocaust Resolution

Dr. Keppler informed the SLDC that Lindsey Weiner requested her proposal be tabled until the January 1999 SLDC meeting.

Student Activity Fee Proposal

The SLDC recommended to FAC-P that the student activity fees remain at a flat rate, regardless of course hours taken. Dr. Keppler informed the SLDC that FAC-P had recommended that GSU implement a graded method for assessing student activity fees. FAC-P submitted eight plans for implementing the new assessment system. Dr. Keppler reviewed the new proposals with the SLDC. There was no overlapping consensus as to which of the eight options the SLDC would recommend.

Announcements

With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Cynthia L. Martin, Secretary