

Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee  
February 23, 2005  
Minutes

Present:

Denise Bullock,  
Michele Curry,  
Margaret Thomas Evans,  
Laverne Nishihara,  
Lora Baldwin,  
Markus Pomper, Chair

Guest:

Jaime Nieto, Student LEADER

Absent:

Cheryl Stolle

The committee met on February, 2005 at 9:30 am to discuss the proposed student code of Ethics, in it draft version of 1/24/05. Denise Bullock reported on the last meeting with the UFC-SAC. Several changes to the draft version have been agreed upon. Denise reported that there is no consensus in the committee on the language in lines 68-75.

*“(lines 68-71) Expect a faculty member to be respectful to the student’s religious beliefs and observances. Instructors are required to make reasonable accommodations when a student must miss an exam or other academic exercise resulting from the observance of a religious holiday. “*

*”(lines 73-75) Have the freedom to raise relevant issues pertaining to classroom discussion, to offer reasonable doubts about data presented, and to express alternative opinions without concern for any academic penalty. Expect that a faculty member will be sensitive to the student’s personal or political beliefs.*

The committee decided to suggest alternative language and to reinforce this opinion by calling for a resolution of the Faculty Senate. The committee agreed to the following language:

*“(lines 68-71) Expect a faculty member to be respectful to the student’s religious observances. Instructors are required to make reasonable accommodations when a student must miss an exam or other academic exercise resulting from the observance of a religious holiday.*

*”(lines 73-75) Have the freedom to express doubt arising from personal, political or religious disagreements without fear of academic penalty.*

*Students have the right to offer academically sound alternative opinions. Students have the right to expect that their work will be evaluated by academic standards alone."*

Markus, Laverne and Margaret will work on the language regarding the resolution.

The committee had no concerns regarding the remaining changes/provisions in the document. James Nieto requested that the Appendix of the new code should include current provision I.5 (Affirmative Action).

The committee adjourned at 10:30 am.