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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Thursday, November 18, 2010  
Admissions Office Conference Room**

**Members in attendance:**

Tyler Fairbank, Chair  
Jane Allen  
Jameek Clovie, Student Trustee  
Mary K. Grant, ex-officio

**Others in attendance:**

Charlotte Degen, Dean of Students  
Theresa O'Bryant, Assistant Dean of Students  
James Stakenas, Vice President of Administration & Finance  
Mark Berman, Chief Information Officer  
Ken Davol '11, President, Intergreek Council  
Shirley Edgerton, Director of Residential Program for the Department of Developmental Services of Berkshire County  
Thomas Bernard, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Trustee Fairbank.

**Red Flag Rules**

Mark Berman, MCLA Chief Information Officer, provided an overview of the College's identity theft prevention program. This program aligns with the rules issued by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on how financial institutions and other creditor entities should deal with the red flags of identity theft. MCLA is subject to these rules, and the College has developed a program identifying red flags and the actions required when a red flag is found.

The FTC rules are expected to take effect on December 31, 2010. Departments that deal with financial and other personal data (e.g., the bursar and financial aid offices) have received training on how to recognize and manage red flags. Information about red flag rules will also be part of a security awareness training program that is being developed for all College staff. MCLA's red flag program is consistent with other Massachusetts public higher education institutions, but contains elements unique to MCLA's operations.

Minor changes to improve the document were recommended by the Committee.

The Committee endorsed the recommendation to adopt the identity theft prevention program that will be advanced to the full Board by the Fiscal Affairs Committee.

### **Fraternity and Sorority Life**

Theresa O'Bryant provided an overview of College policy as it relates to Greek life and updated the committee on the current state of Greek life on campus.

In 2009, President Grant convened a study group of faculty, staff, and students to assess the ways that Greek life at MCLA reflects, supports and advances the MCLA mission. On the basis of this study, the group offered recommendations for the structure and supports for Greek life at the College.

Currently, the College recognizes two Greek organizations: Beta Lambda and Pi Upsilon Pi. These are local organizations, and are not affiliated with national fraternity or sorority organizations.

College policy established the Inter Greek Council (IGC) as the mechanism for relations between the College and Greek organizations. IGC also supports self-governance among the organizations, which is a key tenet of Greek life.

An important area of focus for Greek life at MCLA is raising academic standards among the members of these organizations. The Order of Omega exists to recognize the academic achievements of Greek organization members.

Other goals of the IGC include fire safety and substance abuse prevention programs, marketing Greek life, and this year's program and compliance review. Through IGC, the College's Greek organizations also undertake a range of service projects that make a difference in the community.

Assistant Dean O'Bryant suggested that funding to support an office of Greek life would be desirable. President Grant indicated that while this is desirable, additional resources for such a small group is not likely, but there is College support provided.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.