Campus Issue #05-06-01 – AMENDED 12/8/05

Action Taken:
This issue was submitted by Terry Hajek, regarding students sitting on the floor in hallways of the LRC while waiting for classes. Debbie Travis looked into this issue with Yvonne Maller and discovered that the primary reason this seems to occur is that “smart” classrooms are kept locked and students cannot get into the room. The equipment cabinet in the room has a lock and it is unlikely that anyone would steal the equipment when there are usually students in the room. The Council agreed that the faculty member who teaches the first class of the day could open the room and the faculty member who teaches the last class of the day would be responsible for locking it, with the classes left open in-between classes. Faculty may also be asked to make an announcement to their students identifying safe places to gather within the building.

On October 7, 2005, the President issued his response to accept the recommendation to leave door to “smart” classrooms unlocked during the day. Since then, several thefts of equipment from these rooms has prompted a request from Deans’ Council to reconsider this decision.

Executive Council agreed and recommended that the doors to “smart” classrooms be kept locked until a solution to the problem of students waiting in hallways can be found that does not put college equipment at risk.

President’s Response to Executive Council

I have heard the discussion on Issue #05-06-01 and concur with the recommendation to keep the door to “smart” classrooms locked during until an effective solution can be found for the issue of students waiting in the hallway. This Campus Issue will be place on “pending” status and the following actions are directed:

To implement this decision,
- the Director of Operations will inform the LRCCD police and the custodians that they are to return to the previous procedure of keeping the doors to “smart” classrooms locked,
- the VP of Instruction and VP of Student Services will inform faculty of their responsibility for opening and locking the room and for ensuring that the equipment cabinet is locked,
- the VP of Administration is charged to investigate methods of securing the equipment so that doors can be kept open with minimum risk of theft,
- The VP of Administration will report back to Executive Council by the first meeting in February 2006.

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Arthur Q. Tyler, President Date