Provide information, which succinctly but fully discusses the issue/concern (if necessary, add additional pages).

A. Describe the issue/concern:

Athletic Dept has requested (on Dec. 12, 2005) that student athletes be allowed to wear sashes in the commencement ceremony.

B. What do you recommend or suggest solving this issue/concern?

The Commencement Committee has made the recommendation that with the appropriate guidelines set up by SCC Divisions and departments, students will be allowed to wear sashes that recognize academic excellence, program involvement or community achievement.

C. How will this recommendation support the success of SCC students and benefit the campus community?

The college will recognize and honor students that exhibit academic excellence, program involvement or achievement. This may raise students’ level of involvement in co-curricular activities which research has shown to be directly linked to increased retention. Additionally, students will feel a greater sense of belonging and community through their connections to campus programs, services and activities.