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PROPOSAL TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

TITLE: Medical Excuses from Health Center

SUBMITTED BY: Student Academic Policies Committee

DATE: April 17, 1998 APPROVED BY: Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

ACTION IS: Consultation REFERENCE IS: Faculty Handbook, Pg. 48

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

There has been confusion over the use of medical excuses from the Health Center because of conflicting interpretations of policies. The Committee has clarified the uses and recommends changes in wording in the *Handbooks*.

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April 9, 1998

To: Academic Senate

From: Student Academic Policies Committee

Subject: Medical excuses from the Health Center

The Student Academic Policies Committee met with Steve Mueller, Director of the Counseling and Health Centers, and Pam Palmer, an administrator from the Health Center. The current policy has been in effect since 1972 and was instituted in reaction to perceived student abuse of the medical excuses. Under that policy, no written medical excuses are provided to students, but faculty can call the Health Center and obtain verbal verification that the student was there and get medical details from the doctor if the student has given permission. They only get about one such call per week, perhaps because faculty are not aware of the policy. The Health Center personnel do not feel that informing faculty that a student has visited the Health Center gives enough information for faculty to know whether a student should miss class, and they think that selectively providing excuses is unworkable. The committee considered a policy where students contact the center for an excuse only after one has been requested by faculty. Mueller and Palmer thought that all students would then request excuses as a precautionary measure. Faculty and students on the committee did not report any problems related to this policy and decided not to recommend a change.

To better document the Health Center policy on medical excuses, it is recommended that the Student Handbook, page 18 on the Health Center, should delete reference to the university attendance policy as the reason that excuses are not provided. Steve Mueller has volunteered to change this statement for the new handbook. In addition, the following statement will be added to page 123 of the Faculty Handbook in the section on attendance:

The Health Center does not provide students with medical excuses. Faculty desiring verification of illness may call the Health Center.