University Committee on Student Affairs (USCA)
Summary of Activities: Fall 2009-Spring 2010
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Action Items
The biggest contribution of the UCSA during the 2009-2010 academic year was to help develop and approve a revision of the Academic Freedom Report (AFR). The last update of the AFR was 25 years ago and the last major update was 1964. The original document was difficult to navigate, not very well organized and in addition to changes in the content the main goal was to make this document more readable for students or faculty members. The entire document was completely reformatted and reorganized and significant changes were made that dealt with student records, clarification of the appeals process for accusations of academic dishonesty, adjusting the appointment process for boards, and the Involuntary Withdrawal Policy. A UCSA subcommittee modified and clarified some of the details about the appeal process for accusations of academic dishonesty.

The UCFA, ECAC, and UCSA modified and voted to approve a “Statement on Tolerance and Civility” that articulated the university policy on the civility at “public forums, athletic events, in residential communities, classrooms, and laboratories”. This document went back and forth several times between the committees before final approval.

The UCSA voted to approve an Institutional Data Policy (IDP) that was sent from ECAC that specified how “Institutional Data” could be used. For this, the main provisions were:

1. Members of the University community may access and use Institutional Data only for University purposes.
2. Institutional Data must be used, stored, transferred, disseminated, and disposed of in ways that minimize the potential for their improper disclosure or misuse.
3. Members of the University community are individually responsible for the security and integrity of Institutional Data in their possession or control, including their proper storage and disposal.

Discussions
The UCSA was involved in discussions only on several other topics that included:
1. Campus and residence hall safety with Paul Goldblatt from Residence Life and Sharri Margraves from Campus Living Services
2. Student Health Services by Dr. Randy Hillard, Associate Provost for Human Health Affairs
3. The Arrest Impact Discussion (AID) Pilot Program by Assistant VP, Pat Eno