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**To:** Charles W. Sorensen  
Chancellor

**From:** Dennis Lee Shaw  
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**Subj:** Senate of Academic Staff response regarding the Final Report of the Learning Communities/Culture of Affirmation Team

Chancellor Sorensen,

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 2006 requesting the senates review and provide comments about the Final Report of the Learning Communities/Culture of Affirmation University Priority Team.

As you know, the Senate of Academic Staff has discussed the report at two meetings this fall, and appreciates that Dr. Dan Riordan took the time to make a presentation and answer questions at our most recent joint meeting with the Faculty Senate.

At the October 3, 2006 meeting of the Senate of Academic Staff our senate did not take any action, however there seemed to be consensus on the following points:

- In general, the Senate of the Academic Staff believes there should be a culture of affirmation at UW-Stout.
- The senate found the committee's work to be very broad and find it hard to understand the point and purpose of the recommendations.
- The senate poses the question: "Would the work on the campus ethics statement, that includes respect, achieve a similar goal and/or purpose?"

We hope this helps. Please feel free to call on me if you need any additional information about the discussion by the Senate of Academic Staff.

cc: Forrest Schultz, Chair, Faculty Senate  
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Dr. Dan Riordan