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## ORIENTATION EVALUATION

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**Present:**

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Tex Rutledge  
Diana Lehmann  
Cheryl Hutson  
Mic Jelsma  
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The purpose of the meeting was to solicit observations as to strengths and needs for improvement.

**Areas of strength:**

It was stated that the overall results of the orientation were positive. Specifics cited included small group relationships were good; getting to know people was especially helpful. Student leaders performed well. Experience was incentive-building; half-hour registration increments went well.

**Areas need strengthening:**

Too heavy involvement for ASB executives; were overwhelmed. Suggested that handouts be prepared and given on sponsors, etc.

Professor Malcomb would like to present ministry program at orientation.

Divide married students from singles. Need more "air" in the schedule. Do student leadership next time in spring. Need to have some activity for new students at point that parents leave. Consider having the student fair in cafeteria at a brunch time.

Need more balance between social and spiritual activities. Consider communion service somewhere in schedule. Work to correct youth camp couples' syndrome. Some relationships too heavy.

Consider sending schedule to new students and parents ahead of time.

Orientation fee under consideration. Most comments were against the idea unless the benefits were totally returned to the students.

Parents would like to know more about campus life (curfews, etc.).

Avoid the pre-registration problem we experienced this year concerning student leaders. It impacted badly both the registrar's office and the business office.

It was felt that shirts and blouses should be provided the student leaders.

There is a need to sharpen perception on real or perceived needs of the students.

The all-school picnic was discussed. It was felt that this setting does not answer the need for it. It was poorly attended by faculty and by upperclassmen. There was considerable sentiment for scheduling it in the spring whatever the problems might be. ASB should take up.

Some felt that faculty should be more involved in the orientation somehow.

Dean Rutledge expressed his appreciation and thanks to the leaders whom he felt made the occasion this year such a success.