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Diversity

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Solis said. After Bachelder's and other students' testimonies, the group offered the council a list of goals and demands. The first included a statement of respect.

The University of South Carolina adopted the Carolinian's Creed, which outlined the obligations of respecting everyone's dignity, property and opinions.

Something like it should be adopted at the University, said Vice Provost John Moseley.

"I think it's important to have for everyone at the University," he said. "It has the potential of being a very good thing."

The second proposal was adopting a zero tolerance policy. This policy would look at revisions and additions to the Student Conduct Code; would create a bias response team that would be in charge of education, victim support and policy enforcement; and would identify and strengthen current student and University programs, organizations and services.

A third goal is to implement a diversity training program for faculty and administrators. The students said making a diversity training program mandatory would help to dispel racial myths and make people aware of what the University is currently dealing with.

"The climate on this campus is unstable," said Jessica Billingslea,

a political science major and a member of the group. "We can't brush this thing under the rug."

Some members of the council disagreed with making diversity training mandatory.

"Faculty get very sensitive when they get told what to do," said Jeff Hurwit, University Senate president.

Another proposal for diversity training brought up by the council was to go directly to departments "where the faculty actually live."

Other goals the group of students presented was to reinstate and create positions within the administration, faculty, staff and the Multicultural Center to focus directly on the issue, create a Research Institute of Diversity at the University and 10 paid summer internships for students to continue to work on further research and implementation of the above goals and demands.

"These are also good ideas, but in reality, were talking about money having to come from somewhere else to fund these positions," Moseley said. "We don't have any extra money lying around, so that means having to cut back or away funding from other areas."

The student group asked the council to sign a letter of support for these goals. The council is currently working on a draft of the letter for consideration.

Chiapas

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cal 1724 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and Scott Miksch of the Committee in Solidarity for Central American People.

Solis, a MEChA member, is not from Mexico, but her great-grandfather is from the region of Chiapas, and she still has family living in the area. She said she is torn by the decision to deny support for the politically powerful because her family members there own a majority of the land and oppose the rebel movement and autonomy for the region.

Solis also said that she is not in

complete support of the rebels' methods but agrees with their goals. "They bring up a lot of things and do things that I might not agree with, but I would certainly call myself part of the movement."

While on her trip, Solis said she realized that the violence was not as overt as she would have expected.

"It is not as visual as Kosovo. It is a low-intensity war," said Solis of her visit to the Chiapan city San Cristobal. "Because of tourism in the area, the military is not on every street, but they are there to a certain degree."

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