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**Question::**

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**Rationale:**

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**Response:**

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Cyr (Moderator) reported on two other information requests received by SEC. The first, from Laing (CLASS), concerned the sale of a t-shirt by the University store. This request was answered in a letter which stated that it is the purview of any individual to lodge a complaint to the store management and seek redress.

Krug (CLASS) requested that we return to the issue of the t-shirt, stating that she did not realize the shirt in question was being sold, and wanted to ensure that everyone knows what the issue is with this particular shirt.

Cyr (Moderator) illuminated the issue for the Senate by quoting the text of the shirt in question: "You can always retake a test, but you can't relive a party" and stated there was a problem in that apparently some of our students believed you really could retake your tests, or that the shirt sent the wrong message as an item that bears the University's name. The University Store is a part of Auxiliary Services, which is self-supporting, and the shirt sold well which is why they kept it in stock. He reminded the Senate that any individual who would like them to not restock it can go to the store and raise it with them. If appropriate redress is not received, then it may come back to the Senate. An alternate approach would be to make a motion to create some kind of

oversight committee, to make sure that the items in the bookstore meet the Senate's approval. While Cyr (Moderator) was not certain if we want to do that, it would be under new business or an agenda item request in the future.

David Robinson (CLASS) interjected that we also consider an oversight committee to see if we have completely lost our sense of humor.

Cyr (Moderator) noted that would also have to come up under new business.