COMMITTEE FOR A MULTICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Meeting February 8, 2001

Members Present: Elizabeth Moje, Laura Morgan, Silvia Predraza, Marita Inglehart, Chuck Ransom

At this meeting the Committee started to plan the October 4, 2001 Workshop/Conference. The conference would feature Emory Professor Jackie Irvine. The planning for the two-day conference was started. But on Monday February 12, 2001 Elizabeth Moje received the following email from Dr. Irvine:

"I am surprised and pleased with your committee's invitation to visit your wonderful campus. However, I don't think I am the person to invite for this most important task. I am not an expert in this field and do not present myself as a consultant in this area. I am an endowed professor and researcher who has been fortunate enough to be at an institution/Department with a history of commitment to issues of diversity. Although I have thought deeply about these issues, I am sure your administrators would be less than impressed with my credentials. I have never held an administrative position (by choice), written or published in the area of diversity in higher education, or worked with other colleges/universities. Obviously, you and your colleagues have worked very hard on this issue at Michigan and have invested much. I don't think I am the right person to bring to your campus."

With Dr. Irvine’s declination we are left without a keynote speaker. However, I suggest we continue the planning look for another speaker. Here is what we planned so far.

Day One October 4, 2001 Thursday

3:00-4:30PM A keynote speaker presents on What Works in Faculty Recruitment and Retention

4:30-5:00PM Welcome Reception for speaker

8:00-10:00 A panel of UM Deans [(LS&A, Education, Dentistry, Medicine) {the Dean of the School of Social Work would be asked if one of the other Deans cancel}] respond to the speaker

Day Two October 5, 2001 Friday

12-1:30PM Silvia Predraza discusses the Excum, Reskin articles The articles will be available prior to the Brown Bag.
Concurrent Sessions

2:00-3:30  Graduate/Undergraduate Student Retention and Recruitment

A. Roger Doster and Mercedes Rubio discuss Grad student retention/recruitment

B. Representatives from CSP, OAMI (Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives),
   discuss undergraduate student retention/recruitment