COMMITTEE FOR A MULTICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the Meeting of November 10, 1998

PRESENT: Professor Killion, Professor McGowan, Mr. Ransom, Professor Schmerl

1. The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 1998, were approved.

2. The response from Professor Ensminger to SACMU's note concerning the decision not to assign a SACUA liaison to the Committee was discussed. It was agreed that the Committee would wait until Professor Ensminger had had an opportunity to follow up on his promise to report "the outcome of Monday's [11/9] reconsideration of SACUA's position on providing SACUA liaison."

3. Mr. Ransom distributed copies of sample pages of Gale Directories, listing minority national, regional, state, and local organizations, and pages from an annual "Black Americans Information Directory," which includes both organizations by academic discipline or specialty (e.g., Association of Black Anthropologists, Association of African Studies Programs) and academic administrative areas (e.g., Association of Black Admissions and Financial Aid Officers of the Ivy League and Sister Schools). Mr. Ransom said that there are similar Gale Directories of such organizations of other minority groups. He also noted that such information is available on the Web. It was agreed that the survey and interviews to be undertaken next semester should include questions about the extent of use of such directories in recruitment efforts, and, if search committees were indeed using them, how useful they had found them to be.

4. Ms. Mandevalle's response to Schmerl's inquiry concerning replacements for Professors Cameron and Nadasen was noted. Professor Dunn is not available, and Professor Hurtado is on sabbatical leave this semester. Committee members agreed to come up with other names as soon as possible.

5. Schmerl reported that he is trying to set up an appointment with Professor Marvin Peterson to obtain his assistance in preparing the application to be submitted for UHS approval for the proposal already submitted to Rackham. He also reported that he is continuing to try to invite guests to the Committee's meetings for discussions of the this year's efforts.

6. The Committee was reminded that William G. Bowen, President of the Mellon Foundation and formerly president of Princeton University, would discuss the book he had recently published with Derek Bok, formerly president of Harvard University, "The Shape of the River: Long-Term Consequences of Considering Race in College and University Admissions," on Thursday, November 12, at 4:00 p.m. in 1800 Chemistry.
7. There being no other announcements or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda for the Meeting of November 24, 1998

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 10, with emendations, if any.

2. Announcements and Reports.

(a) Meeting with Professor Peterson, 11/23.

(b) Guests scheduled to meet with Committee:

December 8: Professor William Collins Director, Comprehensive Studies Program

Mr. Roger Doster Director of Academic Services Rackham School of Graduate Studies

January 5: Mr. Derrick E. Scott Director, Minority Engineering Program Office

(c) Requests from three students to join the Committee.

(d) Distribution of materials from the Chronicle of Higher Education on the status of affirmative action at other institutions.

(e) Other announcements.

(3) New Business.

(4) Adjournment.