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STUDENT RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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**Friday, February 15, 2019
11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Koessler – Michigan League**

Present: Anton Avancena, Selena Bazzi, Judith Beck, Gina Cervetti, Jill Esau, Mariah Fiumara, Royster Harper, Charlie Koopmann, David Potter, Chitra Subramanian, Simone Himbeault Taylor

Absent: Cindy Leung, Kyriaki Marti, Yolanda Marti, Jairam Menon, Maribel Okiye, Olga Virakhovskaya

Guest(s): Will Sherry, Director – Spectrum Center; Amy Gauthier, Deputy Director – University Housing; Allie Harte, Associate Director – First Year Experience

1. Call to Order

Chair Gina Cervetti welcomed the committee and asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. No changes were suggested.

2. Review / Approval of Minutes

The committee took a few minutes to review the draft minutes, and the group was asked if there were changes or suggestions. No changes were suggested. Chair Cervetti made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed and all the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Thriving in the First Year

Will Sherry, Director – Spectrum Center; Amy Gauthier, Deputy Director – University Housing; Allie Harte, Associate Director – First Year Experience presented Thriving in the First Year. As a collective, they defined the first year experience, discussed strategic efforts and key priorities as part of the DEI Strategic Plan, and provided insight into the programming and coordination of this effort.

Comments:

Potter noted that his daughter's first year experience was positive. It was effective in allowing people to find like-minded people. However, there is so much programming

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that it can feel overwhelming and distract from core academic issues. Director Sherry noted that this feedback is impactful and echoes some of what has been discussed.

Bazzi mentioned that some of the programming simply did not pertain to her, i.e. alcohol. It is good to explore other ways to address alcohol on campus, but she is not sure how. Vice President Royster Harper commented that the University has Raise the Bar. The program works with local bars to encourage them to be increasingly attentive to students that have had too much drink.

4. Adjournment

Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bazzi seconded. All in favor.