March 9, 2018
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Pond ABC, Michigan Union

Present: Gina Cervetti, Chair
Michael Atzmon, Anton Avancena, Royster Harper, Donna Hayward, Marita Inglehart, Madison McKenzie, Lisa Nevett, Sujay Shetty, Simone Himbeault Taylor, Olga Virakhovskaya

Absent: Amy Chavasse, Charles Koopman, Lisa Low, Kyriaki Marti, Jairam Menon, Max Rothman, Chitra Subramanian

Guests: Erik Wessel, Diane Meyer

Agenda

1. Lunch/Call to Order
2. Welcoming, opening statement and review/vote of January minutes
3. ADDITION: Statement of Student Rights & Responsibilities Update
4. Strengthening the First Year Experience
5. Adjournment

Welcome, Opening Statement, and Review/Vote of January Minutes

Chair Gina Cervetti opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and addressing two actions: (1) Agenda Addition: She requested approval to add an item to the agenda as Director Erik Wessel, OSCR, was asked to attend the meeting in order to provide an update on the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities process. Approval granted.; and (2) Approval of January Minutes: Chair Cervetti noted that La Casa was provided the opportunity to review them and were onboard with them as written. Professor Lisa Nevett made a motion to accept and Professor Marita Inglehart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
Statement of Student Rights & Responsibilities – Update

Chair Cervetti and Director Wessel have recently made presentations to the Academic Program Group, Central Student Government, Rackham Student Government, Residence Hall Association, and University Council. Chair Cervetti thanked Director Wessel and Senior Associate Vice President Simone Himbeault Taylor for their efforts in ensuring they were able to tour the campus with the SSRR updates. Chair Cervetti offered to email the SRAC with a list of student groups for potential presentation (see attached). **ACTION:** If any committee member has a group that they feel should be added to the list, they are to let Chair Cervetti know.

Director Wessel provided a brief update on the status of the off-cycle amendment proposal:
- On schedule and is currently sitting with President Schlissel for review
- Anticipate receiving this back and being able to communicate the amendment before the end of winter term

Director Wessel projected and walked through the updated OSCR website with the SSRR information featured prominently. The goal is to make this site, and the process, as simple as possible to navigate, engage and collaborate.

Next Steps:
There are two scheduled amendment workshops that are co-sponsored with Central Student Government. CSG is graciously providing space and funds. The first workshop will take place on North Campus on March 24th, which is a Saturday. This day was chosen in order to provide as much unencumbered time and space for students to engage. The second workshop will be held in CSG Chambers in the Union at 8:30 on March 28th.

In addition, a social media campaign will allow engagement with a large cross section of the student population. Also, a story will be drafted and provided to Public Affairs, which works with The Daily, in order to better inform the campus community.

Professor Cervetti thanked Director Wessel for attending the meeting on short notice and asked the SRAC to spread the word about the updated amendment process and point students to the website.

Vice President Royster Harper thanked SAVP Taylor, Chair Cervetti and Director Wessel for their work with the SSRR, stating that this allows students to have a voice around issues that impact them. Providing everyone the opportunity to create/submit a proposal is both creative and powerful.
Strengthening the First Year Experience

VP Harper introduced guest Diane Meyer. Ms. Meyer is a University alum whose professional career has been spent working with community colleges. She has created an endowment focused on transfer students to UofM from community colleges. VP Harper thanked her for her continuing commitment to the University.

VP Harper introduced Strengthening the First Year Experience by stating that we, as a collective, want undergrads to maximize a powerful learning experience at UofM. In order to do so, we need to ensure that students launch their UofM experience with support to: (1) gain the skills necessary to establish a pattern of academic success; (2) develop sustainable and healthy relationships; and (3) engage and connect with a more diverse living and learning community.

A common mantra heard from students is that they don’t know what resources are available to them. It is crucial to strengthen what we provide and find ways to organize our offerings in order to help students thrive. However, we must find a way to strike a balance – we want to provide enough assistance to help students thrive but no so much where they feel smothered. As part of a Five-Year Strategic Plan that rolls up to the Student Life DEI plan, we are strengthening the first year experience. Key focus areas will include:

- Providing more opportunities for first-year students to integrate their classroom learning experiences with their residential life by expanding access to Michigan Living and Learning Communities
- Helping more first-year students navigate and make meaning of their Michigan experience by increasing student access to Making the Most of Michigan, a goal-setting course in the residence halls
- Offering more first-year students the opportunity to tailor their residential experience to their needs, interests and diverse backgrounds by developing more Theme Communities in the residence halls (current themes include First-Gen, Innovation, and Multicultural)
- Helping more first-year students explore their skills, interests, and values related to future endeavors by prioritizing University Career Center’s programs devoted to helping students begin their professional journey
- Developing increased student intercultural competence by introducing the Intercultural Development Inventory pilot in more schools and colleges
- Providing more students with the opportunity to serve and learn about their surrounding community and meet new people by offering new community immersion programs during the first semester
- Take the activities we currently offer and make them more cohesive and coordinated
- Be more thoughtful and intentional in helping students prepare for a robust Michigan learning experience
SRAC members engaged in Q&A and suggestions about how Student Life can continue to strengthen the first year experience. A discussion about the various activities competing for students’ interests during their 1st semester ensued. VP Harper invited members of the Committee that have concerns and suggestions to meet with her in person to further discuss these. SAVP Taylor urged the attendees to think about what we are providing vs. how we are providing it and what conflicts this may cause. She also asked the group to consider what it takes to inspire physical and psychological engagement.

Adjournment

Chair Cervetti adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm and thanked the Committee for a robust discussion surrounding SSRR and FYE.
Dear SRAC Colleagues:

I am writing to touch base about our efforts to inform the community about the Statement amendment process.

As I mentioned in last week’s SRAC meeting, we are beginning to transition from direct outreach efforts (e.g., presentations for individual groups) to other approaches for involving the community, including open workshops and social media outreach. Nevertheless, I want to consider whether there are other groups that we should visit. As such, I have included a list of student groups (provided by Anushka Sarkar) below. Please look through the list and let me know if there are groups that stand out as particularly strategic candidates for direct outreach (i.e., because a visit might have broad impact or might help us reach especially interested members of our community).

Thank you!

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Groups We Have Visited
Academic Program Group (deans and provost)
Central Student Government Assembly
Faculty Senate Assembly
Rackham Student Government
Residence Hall Association
University Council

Possible Student Organizations for Direct Outreach
ACLU Law School Chapter
Active Minds
African Student Association
Arab Student Association
Armenian Student Association
Asian American Association
Bangladeshi Students Association
BBA Council
Black Business Student Association
Black Medical Association
Black Student Union
Black Undergraduate Medical Association
Bond Consulting
Brazilian Student Association
Chabad House
Chinese Student Association
College Democrats
College Republicans
Dance Marathon (DMUM)
Delta Sigma Pi, Business School
Dental School Council
Encore
Filipino American Student Assoc.
Funktion
Gender Violence Project (UM Law)
HeForShe
Hillel
Hindu Students Council
Hispanic Business Student Association
Indian American Student Assoc.
Indian Student Association
Inter-cooperative Council
Inter-fraternity Council
Iraqi Student Association
Japan Student Association
Jewish Business Student Assoc.
Jewish Graduate Student Network
Korean Students Association
LA CASA
LatinX Social Work Coalition
Lean In UM
LEO
LGBT+ Michigan
LSA Student Government
MAASU
Maize Mirchi
Malaysian Students Association
MGC
Michigan Emissary Group (MEG) Consulting
Michigan Interactive Investments Club
Michigan Pakistanis
MPowered Entrepreneurship
MRAP
MuJew
MUSIC Matters
Muslim Students Association
NAACP
NASA
National Council of Negro Women
National Society of Black Engineers, Omega Psi Phi
NCNW
Nexecon Consulting Group
NOiR
NPHC
NSBE
optiMize
optiMize, Alpha Chi Omega
Organizing on campus
oSTEM
Panhel
Pretty Brown Girls
Progressives UM
Rackham Student Government
Residence Hall Association
Revolution
RHA
ROTC
SAAC - Athletics
SAAN
SAFE
SCOR
SHIFT House
SHPE
Social Justice Art Festival
Society of Women Engineers
Solar Car
SSW People of Color Collective
TEDx UM
The Michigan Daily
Uncover A/PIA
VSA
WeListen
Wolverine Support Network
WolvPAC
Yoni Ki Baat