

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
STUDENT RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Friday, September 28, 2018
11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Koessler – Michigan League**

Present: Anton Avancena, Selena Bazzi, Judith Beck, Gina Cervetti, Jill Esau, Mariah Fiumara, Cindy Leung, Yolanda Marti, Maribel Okiye, David Potter, Simone Himbeault Taylor, Olga Virakhovskaya

Absent: Amy Chavasse, Royster Harper, Charlie Koopman, Kyriaki Marti, Jairam Menon, Chitra Subramanian

Guest(s): Steve Mangan, Sr. Director of Michigan Dining; Sarah Daniels, Associate Dean of Dean of Students

1. Lunch/Call to Order

2. Welcome and Purpose of SRAC/Intro to the Year

Chair Gina Cervetti began the meeting by welcoming the members to the new academic year. The Committee took the time to introduce themselves, as there are many new faces this year! Chair Cervetti then provided some background information on what the Student Relations Advisory Committee is and does, and described how SRAC plays an important role in advising Vice President Royster Harper on campus issues.

SRAC also has an advising role with respect to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities (SSRR). 2018-2019 is an amendment year and part of the SRAC's role is to review amendments submitted by students, faculty and Executive Officers, then make recommendations to Vice President Harper as to whether or not the amendments should be submitted to President Schlissel. (**Note:** Chair Cervetti stated that she is in discussions addressing the SRAC's role with the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA) and will update SRAC accordingly.)

The expectations of SRAC members was addressed. Members are asked to be active in meetings, fully engaged, honor mandates, and think about next steps. This is a team committee with real work associated with it, and is a very serious responsibility.

Senior Associate Vice President Simone Himbeault Taylor closed this item by thanking Chair Cervetti for her leadership.

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3. Food Insecurity

Steve Mangan, Sr. Director of Michigan Dining, Sarah Daniels, Associate Dean of Dean of Students, and committee member Cindy Leung, Assistant Professor of Nutritional Sciences at the School of Public Health, gave insight into food insecurity on campus.

- What is food insecurity? The limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate or safe foods, or the ability to acquire such foods in socially acceptable ways.
- Predictors of food insecurity – persons of color, younger age, have children, financially independent.
- How is campus addressing food insecurity?
 - Maize & Blue Cupboard
 - Food Recovery Network
 - Emergency Meals through Dean of Students and M|Dining
 - Financial aid budget re-evaluation
 - Non-clinical case management and crisis response team through Dean of Students
 - Dean of Students Emergency Assistance Fund via school and college resources
- A Food Insecurity Working Group has been created, consisting of Student Life Directors, Faculty and Students. The group's activities to date:
 - Located a space for a permanent pantry/food space – Besty Barbour. Construction is underway with an expected completion date of the end of the fall semester of 2018.
 - Currently working towards being able to support operations and programming of this space
 - Goal is to provide a retail-style shopping experience focusing on fresh foods, nutrition education, and room for prep work, as well as counseling.
 - Future collaborators consist of Maize & Blue Cupboard, Central Student Government, School of Social Work, School of Public Health, Dean of Students Office, Counseling & Psychological Services, University Health Service, Food Gatherers, UM Sustainable Food Program members, and Financial Aid
- Comments/Suggestions/Questions
 - Attempt to couple education with access – ex. RA's can guide students on bus routes, local stores, etc.
 - Concern expressed about the public transportation system and location of grocery stores in Ann Arbor – this does not make for easy access for students
 - Suggest professors add a notation to their syllabi stating (ex.) "If you're a student struggling with basic needs, visit teacher or contact basic.needs.umich.edu."

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- Who will have access to the Cupboard? How often can it be used? How will it be monitored?
 - Staff and students will have access via MCard
 - Hope to provide once a week access for shopping; kitchen use will be appointment driven
- Due to time constraints, Chair Cervetti suggested that questions be held until the next meeting on October 12, where they will be compiled and forwarded to Director Mangan, Associate Dean Daniels and Professor Leung.

4. Adjournment

Questions to consider moving forward:

- What have you learned about today's topic as it relates to the wellbeing of the U-M community?
- What might be one important next step for our committee related to the topic, i.e., where do we go from here? What more do we want/need to know?
- What is your next step? What action might you take in your own academic or administrative unit(s) or committee(s) related to today's topic?