



Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 9/15/23

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Present: Jessica Pasquale (Chair), Jonathan Brennan, Martino Harmon (VP for Student Life), Connie Tingson Gatuz (Associate VP for Student Life), Cindee Giffen, Anouck Girard, Marita R. Inglehart, Charlie Koopman, Jamie Niehof, David Potter

Absent: Marna Clowney-Robinson, Ashley Gearhardt, Laura MacLatchy, Anne O'Brien

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

11:35am-11:37am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Introductions

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the April 21st SRAC meeting were approved.

11:37am-12:28pm: Review of 2023-2024 Committee Charge

Summary: The Chair introduced the Charge for the committee for the academic year. A general discussion occurred on this.

The Chair provided a list of topics for the committee to potentially cover and work on over the academic year. Topics brought up by committee included housing, bussing, ChatGPT, recreational sports, alcohol sales at sporting events, the living/learning committee, retail dining options on campus, and transfer credits. These topics were discussed and their appropriateness for the SRAC committee was considered. A discussion regarding student accommodations was suggested as a topic of interest. It was suggested that there be listening sessions for this committee to address this issue.

A suggestion was made to record meetings and discussion ensued.

Meeting locations for the SRAC were discussed. A residence hall will be one of the locations. A call for suggestions was made. The Chair, Student Life, and FSO will work on this further.

Action: discussion

12:28pm-12:59pm: Updates and Current Issues

Summary: VP for Student Life Martino Harmon provided an update on Student Life. VP Harmon expressed excitement for the coming year and commented on how smooth the move-in for new students went. The network disruption was acknowledged, and the resilience and adaptability of students, faculty, and staff was discussed.

The strategic plan for the department has been worked on over the past two years. This has included updates to the mission, core work, core values, and priorities. This work has been documented and can be found on <http://studentlife.umich.edu/>.



Priorities:

- Establish Student Life as a leader in Sustainability Programming and Operations.
- Address Health and Well-being with a focus on Policies, Systems, and Structures.
- Through DEI 2.0, embed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the core of our People, Processes, and Product.
- Develop a Strategic, Sustainable Student Life Financial Model.
- Develop and Implement a Division-Wide Branding, Marketing, and Communication Strategy.
- Enhance Staff Recruitment and Retention efforts.

The Welcome to Michigan program was discussed. These events, open to all new students regardless of class or school/college, included the Block M Class Photo, Athletics Pep Rally, Pride Outside, Escapade, Go Blue Mix, and New Student Convocation.

The Wolverine Life App was discussed. This is a resource meant to direct UM community members to campus resources.

The Institutional Eligibility Criteria for Fraternity and Sorority Life has been modified by UM. Recruitment during the fall term may now take place following a 5-week period of transition.

An update was provided on various housing projects that are taking place. Highlighted were the projects on South 5th, as well as the new Edward and Rosalie Ginsberg Center. The final design for the project on South 5th will be presented to the Regents this month. The Edward and Rosalie Ginsberg Center is expected in Fall 2025 and has been generously funded by the Ginsberg family. It is a community and civic engagement center with a mission to cultivate and steward equitable partnerships between communities and the University of Michigan in order to advance social change for the public good.

Action: Update and Discussion

1:00pm: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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