MINUTES
Student Relations Committee Meeting
Friday, December 12, 1990
January 11, 1991

Present: Harvey Bertcher (Social Work), Chair; Anna Babbitt (VP Guest); Ken Bartlett (MSA); Robert Beyer (Biology); Alan Billings (Music); Walter Deblar (Engineering); Mark DeCamp (UM-Dearborn); Cathy DiMercurio (VP Guest); Eunice Royster Harper (Assoc. VP); Don Kewman (Medical School); Mary Ann Swain (Vice President).

Soup and salad lunch followed by a business meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes of last meeting reviewed and approved.

Introductions:

Harvey Bertcher introduced Eunice Royster Harper, the new Associate Vice President for Student Services, to the SRC.

Review of Harvey Grotrian's Financial Aid Presentation, December 14, 1990:

Harvey Bertcher asked for a discussion reviewing the financial aid information Harvey Grotrian, Director of Financial Aid, had shared with us at the last meeting and a decision/suggestion as to our reply. The lack of good communication and the "welfare syndrome" were mentioned along with the need for a sampling of exit interviews and/or evaluation forms to be used by students to determine the quality of service provided. We also discussed the OFA need for upgrading their computer system to provide better service and lead to less errors. Mary Ann Swain indicated there are now funds in place for the planning process and much hinges on the fiscal position of the State. Harvey Bertcher will draft and share letters with us to: 1) Harvey Grotrian, OFA, regarding SRC's concerns with service provided and our suggestions for exit interviews and evaluation forms, and 2) Mary Ann Swain voicing our support to enhance OFA's computer system despite the current budget constraints.

At this point, Mary Ann Swain also volunteered to answer any questions via Email that we may have regarding issues on race-specific financial aid that have been raised recently.

Recycling Presentation:

Cathy DiMercurio, VP guest and member of Recycle UM, presented some facts regarding recycling at UM and asked for SRC support in the form of a letter to the
relations, and as such it seems that there should be more interaction between MSA and SRC. He then suggested inviting Jennifer Van Valey, MSA’s current president, and any other officers or persons she thought might help to facilitate a discussion between the two groups, and the SRC generally endorsed this idea. He will be contacting MSA officers, the president of the student body at MSU, and James Snyder, Professor of Architecture and Urban Planning, to see if they can attend our next meeting and continue this discussion.

Next meeting:

The next SRC meeting will be on Friday, February 8, 1991, noon-2:00 p.m., Michigan Union, Michigan Room. A light lunch will be served.