THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
School of Social Work

STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes: January 17, 1990
Dining Room, Michigan Union, 12-2

Present: Katarina Borer, Chair, Murray Jackson, Gailann Rickert, Robert Beyer, Ed Chudacoff, Harvey Bertcher, Susan Ritzel and Mark De Camp. Guest speaker - Beth Reed.

1. Minutes of November 28, 1989 were approved. December minutes will be ready for approval at the Committee's next meeting.

2. Chair Borer noted that Dr. Mary Ann Swain will be serving as Interim Vice President for Student Services. Henry Johnson has been appointed Vice President for Community Outreach.

3. Dr. Beth Reed, Associate Professor of Social Work and Chairperson of the University's Task Force on Alcohol and Other Drugs described the Task Force's goals and activities to date.

   She described a number of problems that had led to the Task Force's creation including:

   - The University has no comprehensive policy position or practices concerning alcohol and other substances for students, faculty or staff
   - this prevents the University from applying from certain student prevention monies
   - for the most part, there are very few courses or training within the University on this vital subject - those that exist are not well known, and little coordination exists between them

   (Other concerns are described in Draft IV (7-22-89) attached.

Dr. Reed indicated that the Task Force hopes to address the complex issues associated with substance abuse at a number of levels to get a clear picture of the nature of problems for specific categories of the University community, and to stimulate widespread concern about this set of issues.

The Committee discussed ways in which it could play a constructive role in regard to the broad ranging problems Dr. Reed had described. Some of the areas of discussion included:
the possibility of an university-wide symposium on the issues associated with the use of substances by students, faculty and staff.

- involvement of The Record and The Daily to heighten the community's awareness of the problem

- developing prevention as well as treatment services and activities, at the University, pertaining specifically to substance abuse

- looking to other universities for ideas about how to respond our University's problems in this area

- re-examining student insurance in relation to substance abuse treatment

- inviting Interim Vice-President of Student Services, Mary Ann Swain, to discuss the role of her office in relation to the work of the Task Force

The SRC Committee created its own task force to meet and formulate specific projects the Committee (particularly with regard to the idea of an annual symposium on substance abuse) could undertake. This task force was proposed by and will include Murray Jackson along with Gailann Rickert and Harvey Bertcher. They are to report back to the Committee at its next meeting. The chair will announce the next meeting date as soon as possible. The meeting will take place between 11 and 1 on whatever day it occurs. Chair Borer thanked Dr. Reed for her participation and then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Bertcher

Wednesday Feb 14 or 12 - 2, Thursday Feb 16.