STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Friday, January 24, 1992  
MINUTES  

PRESENT:  Harvey Bertcher, Social Work; Maureen A. Hartford, VP Student Affairs; Nicole Shupe, MSA Representative; Roman Hryciw, Engineering; Scott Waldbaum, MSA Representative; Don Kewman, Medical School; Walter Debler, Engineering, SACUA Representative; Roy Glover, Anatomy; Robert Beyer, Biology; Mark DeCamp, UM Dearborn.  

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by Harvey Bertcher, Chairperson.  

Professor Bertcher welcomed and introduced the new Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Maureen A. Hartford and committee members introduced themselves.  

The minutes of the December 13, 1991 meeting were approved.  

Professor Bertcher commented that it was his last year to serve as a member of SRC, and SACUA should be thinking about appointing a new chair.  

AGENDA ITEMS:  

1. STUDENT/FACULTY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING  

The issue of the administration being more responsive to student issues and having students more involved with decision making was discussed. The following were a list of ways other institutions have handled this issue:  

a) The University of Arizona has an actual student Regent  

b) The University of California has a student sit at the table with the Regents and has a voice in the discussions. (Note: this is more common than having a student be an actual voting member.)  

c) Wayne State University has faculty and student members of committee of the Board of Governors.  

Copies of letters were distributed to the members:  

a) A response to Professor Beyer from the office of State Representative Jerry Bullard, indicating that additional research into his inquiry on November 11 (regarding the composition of the Board of Regents) is underway and this follow-up research would be available by the end of January. Professor Beyer will be contacted at that time.
b) A letter from Mary L. Barnes to Representative Perry Bullard indicating that the Michigan Constitution does not set eligibility for qualifying individuals as members of university governing boards, except that they be a resident of the state and an elector. Although the Constitution does not set criteria for eligibility, duties are defined. "Each board shall have general supervision of its institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds."

c) A letter from MSA representatives indicating the persons who signed the document are "concerned about the diminishing power of students and faculty in university decision-making".

A discussion followed to determine how the committee should proceed in order to gain more input to the administrators from faculty and students on issues and concerns that directly affect them. Maureen Hartford asked about the possibility of SACUA and MSA working together on a presentation. No decision was made and discussions will continue at future meetings.

2. FUTURE PRIORITIES

a) Continue discussions on decision making process.

b) As Dr. Hartford develops her priorities she can use this committee as a sounding board.

c) Alcohol issues

d) TA training and requirements was discussed and it was decided to invite Professor Bert Hornback, Professor Robert Weisbuch, both of the English Department, and the Director of the TA Training Program at CRLT to be guest speakers at a future meeting.

3. COMMITTEE'S WINTER TERM MEETING DATES

It was decided to maintain the established meeting schedule of the second Friday of the month. Meetings have been scheduled the second Friday through the month of May from Noon to 2:00 PM in the Wolverine Room in the Michigan Union.

4. No other business. Meeting adjourned 2:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1992
WOLVERINE ROOM
MICHIGAN UNION
NOON - 2:00 PM