Report on the Student Relations Committee:

Meeting of January 26 (sorry, I’m quite late with this).

This meeting was largely taken up by a discussion of the Discrimination/Harrasment (D/H) policy. A new Policy Administrator, Ms. Darlene Ray-Johnson, has been appointed to monitor the actions under the policy. The students reported questions raised by various student groups on the policy. Dr. Roselle Wilson explained the procedures, which strike me as treading the difficult path between responsibility to the two parties rather well. There have been 35 cases reported since the beginning of Fall term 1988, but no real information could be given on them due to the constraints of confidentiality.

The issue of a student code of non-academic conduct was raised again, with the students opposed and VP Johnson noting UM is the only one of the big ten schools without one. The difficulties with the MSA and the Michigan Daily were reviewed, with little sense of how to resolve these. VP Johnson reports no success in bringing MSA to talk with SODC about improving its “credibility, responsibility, and effectiveness” as directed by the Regents. MSA is in trouble with the administration and the Regents.

Meeting of February 23

At the request of a student, this meeting was devoted largely to Security issues. Mr. Leo Heatley, UM Director of Safety was in attendance to present his views on the subject. There are now three separate Security Units on Campus. Heatley’s deals with the campus, and has a total staff of 31 (including 21 uniformed patrol officers); U Hospital has its own with an authorized strength of 63; Housing has its security with a staff of 28. Telecommunications improvements, with 911 incoming calls from campus being electronically identified by source, have greatly helped speed response time. The work load seems staggering: the office received 30,000 dispatches last year, with about 10,000 for crimes – 80% for property crimes. That amounts to almost 30 per day.

Heatley has recommended that his staff be raised to 24 uniformed officers, half of whom should be deputized. Now only Heatley and one other are deputized, by the Washtenaw County Sheriff. He also recommends that the $500,000 we pay to the city for assistance be cut by $1-200,000, and this extra money be used to provide more and better trained security officers. Heatley’s basic argument is that he has the responsibility for campus security, but has no real (police) authority with which to discharge his responsibility. He notes that U Wisc. has its own police force of 168 deputized by the state legislature, meaning that it can call in the state police when necessary. We cannot call in the state police, because our arrangement gives the campus jurisdiction to the Ann Arbor police.

The committee members, including students were supportive of Heatley’s points, indicating to me that they might get more support if they carried the word around a bit more. SACUA is asked to put this on the agenda, and help to make some progress. There was a brief report on information provided to incoming students. It is both high quality and voluminous.

The new Discrimination/Harassment Policy Administrator, Ms. Darlene Ray-Johnson, was introduced. She has received 8 complaints since February 1, mostly of