STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Friday, February 14, 1992   
MINUTES

PRESENT: Harvey Bertcher, Social Work; Maureen A. Hartford, VP Student Affairs; Royster Harper, Associate VP for Student Affairs; Don Kewman, PM&R; John Schmidt, MSA; Scott Waldbaum, MSA; Mark DeCamp, UM-Dearborn; Robert Beyer, Biology; Roman Hryciw, Engineering; Walter Debler, Engineering.

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

The minutes of the January 24, 1992 meeting were approved.

Meetings for March, April, May were changed accordingly:
• From March 13th to March 20th/Pond Room ABC
• From April 10 to April 24th/Wolverine Room
• From May 8th to May 15th/Wolverine Room

RESONSE CONCERNING THE "STUDENT REGENT"

Professor Beyer introduced a memorandum, out of State Representative Perry Bullard’s office from Gary Brian Gulliver, Director of Legal Research regarding student membership on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Two questions were addressed in this memorandum:

1. Would a constitutional amendment be required to provide that at least one member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents (Board) be a student or could a statutory provision so require?

2. Would the answer to the first question be any different, if the student member were a non-voting member?

According to the memorandum short answers to these questions were as follows:

1. The Legislature could provide by statute that the Board have at least one student member. The attorney general has opined, however, that such a provision would be unconstitutional as it would result in a conflict of interest.

2. A constitutional amendment would be required to provide for a non-voting member of the Board. The Board is, however, free under current law to form an advisory body on which students could be members.
After discussion the following was moved by Professor Beyer and seconded by Professor Debler:

The Student Relations Committee would like to recommend to the Michigan Student Assembly that it elect from its membership a reasonable number of students to form a committee with the suggestion that it be called the Student Regent Advisory Committee. The function of this committee would be to communicate to the Regents a variety of students concerns through Dr. Maureen A. Hartford, the Vice President for Student Affairs. Furthermore; the Student Regent Advisory Committee would be invited to join the Student Relations Committee meetings.

(Note: The Vice President for Student Affairs was seen as a conduit toward the first step to communication with the Regents. Once such a committee would be created, other activities could evolve.)

It was also decided that copies of the minutes of the February 14th meeting would be sent to Jamie Green, President of MSA, and he would be invited to the March 20th meeting of SRC.

REPORT FROM VICE PRESIDENT HARTFORD

South Quad Stay:

1. Dr. Hartford reported that this was an overall good experience. She found the students to be bright, fun, and energetic in everything they do. She would like to stay in a residence hall again - perhaps in the Fall with a group of Freshmen, on North Campus.

2. Students expressed concerns about the expense of higher education, and the increased costs that are likely to occur.

3. Students are concerned about courses they must take in which very large classes are the norm, rather than the exception.

4. Students are concerned about working with and understanding foreign-born TA's, where use of English is poor.

Deputization Hearings:

1. Students of SRC and MSA requested two - 3 hour public hearings. After some negotiation, one - 2 hour public hearing and one - 1 hour public hearing were agreed upon, as follows::
Wednesday, February 19th from 4-6:00 PM
Michigan League Ballroom

Thursday, February 20th from 4-5:00 PM
Michigan Union Ballroom.

2. Open times that students will be allowed to speak will be filled by a lottery system. Dr. Hartford will draw numbers. Those students with corresponding numbers will testify and those with "0's" will not testify.

There are six open slots for Wednesday's meeting.
There are two open slots for Thursday's meeting.

Interim Discrimination Policy/Interim Alcohol Policy:

1. Vice President Hartford expressed the opinion that it is time for the University to be pro-active in this area, rather than reactive.

2. She thinks it is time to have students write a Student Rights and Responsibilities document, and get rid of the "interim" documents.

3. Dr. Hartford distributed a document entitled "The University of Michigan Task Force on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Recommendations of Interest to Students" for this committee to review. These recommendations are addressed in much greater detail in the official Report of the Task Force on Alcohol and Other Drugs. Full copies of the report are available by calling 936-9333.

Social Events Policy:

This is an outgrowth of the Union Policy. The purpose of this policy is to determine how to meet students needs regarding programing and social events and maintain a safe environment not only at the Michigan Union but other areas on campus.

LETTER TO SRC FROM THE CIVIL LIBERTIES BOARD
This letter will be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:00.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 20th POND ROOM MI UNION

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN THE MEETING ROOM