I. Welcome
Chair Teresa Satterfield called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Dave Gershman, a reporter for the Ann Arbor News, and Susan Eklund, Dean of Students were welcomed.

II. Consideration of February 10, 2006 Minutes
The February 10, 2006 minutes were approved with an amendment.

III. The Ann Arbor News
Dave Gershman, who has been working with Ann Arbor News for two years, introduced himself. He came to The Ann Arbor News from a small newspaper in the Boston area. His beat is the University of Michigan campus, but does not include sports or much health care coverage.

Discussion began with a question about publicity the Ann Arbor News gives to student athletes, particularly to African American male athletes. Using Daniel Horton coverage as an example, Dave Gershman explained that, while the Ann Arbor News does not cover every student athlete, it does cover the major spectator sports—football and basketball. Because Daniel Horton was one of the best basketball players, the ramifications of the case he was involved in would affect the entire team. At the same time, he felt that much of the coverage was balanced. Dave shared some features and stories on Daniel Horton.
Other discussion topics included the level of responsibility that athletes face by being in the limelight, student perceptions of student athletes and the campus and community response to their negative behaviors, fair coverage in the news, and the capability of news coverage to help foster productive dialogue on pertinent issues.

In regards to having a planned campus event or an initiative covered, the best thing to do is let the Ann Arbor News know four to five days in advance, preferably with a press release. He would also welcome a press packet that features upcoming events and initiatives at the beginning of every semester.

IV. Expect Respect Initiative
Susan Eklund, dean of students, shared background and details about the Expect Respect initiative. This initiative was created in response to an episode of ethnic intimidation last semester. It was learned that a significant number of students may not know where to report such incidents. The initiative, which took effect on February 1, is being advertised via a series of flyers and posters. Information may also be found on the web page http://www.urespect.umich.edu/ A reporting hotline (734-615-BIASC) was also established for students to report incidents. Students should also be told to call police in an emergency. If students suspect that a crime may have been a hate crime, they should also call the Dean’s Office.

It hoped that the Expect Respect initiative will pair with other events on campus. The most recent event calendar was distributed. The initiative is continuing to be developed and hopes to expand by getting more students and faculty involved. They hope to do this by not only expanding the campaign publicity but also by following through with students that have shown an interest in contributing to the creation of a campus that fosters diversity. Additionally, there is hope that faculty will get involved.

One of the resources being used by staff facilitating the Expect Respect campaign is Making the Most of College: Students Speak Their Minds by Richard Light. This book, based on interviews with college students and visits to over 90 college campuses, explores how to help students make cross-cultural connections.

V. Closing Remarks
Peter Borock made an announcement about MSA's recent passing of a proposed amendment to the Student Rights and Responsibilities. The amendment would allow for students facing suspension or expulsion to have a lawyer present during hearings. This amendment will be put before SRAC sometime next year.

Chair Satterfield thanked Dave Gershman for attending and adjourned the meeting at
1:33 p.m.