U.M. Student Relations Advisory Committee

Friday, March 13, 1998

Attendance: Gerhary Olving (Chairman), Shareef A. Salaam (Recorder and SACUA liaison), Phyllis Valentine, John Su, Phil Meyers, Barbara MacAllen, Ann Springer, Brett Schulman, Brace Karnopp, Bill Briggs, Mitch Rohde (Rackham Student Government), Subhachandra Chandra (Rackham Student Government), Damon Fairfield.

Call to Order at 12:25
Announcements
- ITD representatives would like to be included in the agenda for today

Minutes of the 13 February 1998 Meeting (Shareef A. Salaam)
- The minutes were accepted into the record with two changes.
  - G. Olving noted that the SRA report was at the Senate meeting not the SACUA meeting.
  - Prof. Kaplan noted that the university combined departmental science libraries.

M.S.A. Textbook Initiative (Rachael L. Schlenker)
- Book purchasing and buy-back procedure
  - Much research has been done to determine the best process for students regarding matter.
  - Representative feels that faculty input would greatly benefit the process.
- Timeline/Changes in past process
  - Centralizing the location (e.g. One Stop Shopping)
  - A general deadline for faculty to turn in book list
- Used books is where stores make their slim profits

Progress Report on the Living-Learning Program and other Housing Related Issues (Dr. William J. Zeller, Director of Housing)
- Overcrowding Issue
  - Since '9 freshmen class has increased by 50 students
  - To address the problem:
    - they have increased the number of available spaces in East Quad and West Quad by 400 but are still 100 under.
    - Restricted upper level students from traditional housing (i.e. South, West, and East Quad, Marley, and Bursely)
  - Estimates that by the year 2000 the overflow issue will have been eliminated.
- Dr. Zeller’s group has been invited to the provost office to discuss the issues further.

- **LivingLearningProgram**
  - Purpose: breakdown size and transition problem for incoming students.
  - Came up with several recommendations and tried to implement them in 1996.

- Book describing proposed initiative was sent to Vice President Student Affairs
  - Purposed to develop 10 units in neighborhood configuration to establish relationship based learning and teaching units.
  - Proposal sent to Student Affairs Office (attachment: The Executive Summary) and a copy was handed out during the meeting.

- **Ways of freeing space for current Academic and faculty goals**
  - Consolidation of dining facilities on “hill campus area” to one facility
  - Each old dining center would provide neighborhood resources such as academic advising and/or tutoring.
  - Various drawing were shown of the proposed changes.

- **Quantitative and Qualitative Study done to support proposal**

**Future Agenda**

- ITD representative to discuss Computing and Technology on Campus.

**Adjournment**