STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1994  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Roman Hryciw (Chair), Mike Marich, Mark DeCamp, George Estabrook, Jane Wilson Coon, Royster Harper, Barbara MacAdam, Torrey Smith, David Karrow, Maureen Hartford, Jerry Dowis (guest), Delories Sloan (guest)

ABSENT: Ted Hopf, Louise Stein, Gerhard Olving, Craig Greenberg, Erin Klug

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roman Hryciw at approximately 12:00 PM.

I. The Chair reminded members that the meeting times and dates had been carefully selected in order to accommodate the varied schedules of each member. He asked all those who are no longer able to consistently attend these meetings to reconsider their membership on the Committee.

II. Maureen Hartford gave an update report on the Amendments to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities. She stated that as there was no quorum, no amendments were approved. In the next round of selection for student members, her office plans to make the time commitment that is required very clear to prospective student hearing panel members. The Committee also discussed the possibility of having Committee members serve as Hearing Board Chairs in hopes of streamlining the process. However, several members felt that to do so might involve two different roles for Committee members: that of advising the VP and that of working for the SSRR, potentially leading to a conflict of interest. Members also expressed concern for focusing that much time on the SSRR because to do so might divert its attention from other, perhaps more important, issues of the Office of the Vice President.

III. Barbara MacAdams discussed the policy on course fees. She expressed concern that these course fees, which are different from lab fees, might be related to filling shortfalls in the budget. Mark DeCamp said that lab fees are sometimes used to balance the budget on the Dearborn campus. There was also concern that these fees might be used to discipline or control enrollments. Maureen Hartfords added that the Office of Financial Aid should be notified of these unpublished "tuition" increases.
IV. The Committee briefly discussed the editorial in the Daily concerning the apparent correlation between student tuition increases and the number of administrators.

V. Delories Sloan and Jerry Dowis gave a report on the Psychological Counseling Services at the U of M. They distributed a Summary of 1992-1993 Service Delivery Contacts and Client Demographics and a Referral guide for Faculty and Staff. The following items were discussed in detail:
1. 1,524 students have been seen during the 1993-1994 year, the majority were for individual counseling sessions.
2. Counseling Services offers a wide array of group sessions, with topics varying according to needs.
3. A large portion of their counseling deals with handling relationship problems, either family, romantic, or inter-personal.
4. New initiatives of the Counseling Services include:
   a. An attempt to become more accessible to students by increasing their response time.
   b. Attempting to exchange information with other local institutions including the Psychological Emergency Ward at the University Hospital.
   c. Increaseing linkages with Faculty and making faculty more aware of counseling services resources their resources.
5. Counseling Services operates like Health Services in that they do not try to treat serious psychological disorders, rather they refer students to other professionals in the community. They do however, administer short term psychological therapy.

VI. New Business: Maureen Hartford suggested that the Committee might want to consider the implimentation of a student health insurance policy and what such a policy might cover.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM. Members were reminded that the next meeting will be held on April 8, in the Bates room of the Michigan Union, from 12:00-2:00 PM.