STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Friday, March 20, 1992  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Harvey Bertcher, Social Work; Maureen Hartford, VP Student Affairs; Royster Harper, Associate VP for Student Affairs; Mark DeCamp, UM-Dearborn; Nancy Baker, Silver Wings Society (Visitor); Scott Waldbaum, MSA; Roman Hryciw, Engineering; Don Kewman, PM&R; Robert Beyer, Biology; Roy Glover, Anatomy; John Schmidt, MSA; Walter Debler, SACUA (Liaison).

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

The minutes of the February 14, 1992 meeting were approved.

The meeting for April 24th has been changed to April 17th/Wolverine Room.

Nancy Baker was introduced and welcomed as a visitor. Nancy is with the Silver Wings, an Air Force ROTC community service organization.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1) "Student Regent Advisory Committee"  
2) SRC's reactions to the Violent Intimidation Policy  
3) SRC's reactions to events surrounding the deputization hearings and letters that followed in the Daily.

ITEM #1-Discussion on "Student Regent Advisory Committee"

Jamie Green, President of MSA, was unable to attend the March meeting of the SRC.

Royster Harper informed the committee that during a recent Student Leadership Luncheon this topic was discussed and the idea was supported by the student leaders that were present. (MSA, Minority Advisory Council, Rackham Student Government, Residence Hall Association, Greeks, Students with Disabilities, Michigan Union Board, Editor of the Daily,)

Harvey Bertcher further reported that Maureen Hartford had notified him that she had spoken with some Regents and they were receptive to an open line of communication with students. (At this time, Maureen Hartford had been delayed by another meeting and had not yet arrived.)
After further discussion it was decided that:

a) MSA should be asked to create a diverse group of students who would be representative of the University's student body;
b) SRC would suggest guidelines and be available to advise MSA on the selection of a student group.
c) A list of organizations should be made that MSA could use in selecting representatives;
d) Every effort would be made to contact Jamie Green, President of MSA, in order to move forward with establishing an advisory group. To date, he had not responded to invitations to involve MSA in the creation of the advisory group.

ITEM #2-SRC's reaction to the Violent Intimidation Policy

The Student Rights Commission presented a proposal to Maureen Hartford, VP for Student Affairs, that stated the University should do away with the Interim Policy on Discriminatory Harassment. Copies of this proposal had been sent to SRC members. Dr. Hartford had encouraged the Student Rights Commission to suggest an alternative. "The University of Michigan Policy on Violent Intimidation on Campus" is the alternative document the students have proposed.

(Note: Items in bold on the copy distributed in this meeting are recommended changes presented by the General Counsel's Office. A copy has been sent to Jim Diana for review by the Civil Liberties Board of SACUA.)

Vice President Hartford had asked for SRC's response to the proposal. During discussion, the following points were made:

1) The most powerful argument against this document is that there already are laws in place, so why impose other restrictions? (Note: the courts have not upheld, in any way, that University and community rulings and laws create double jeopardy for students. The community has jurisdiction over its members and students have a right to be judged by a group of peers at the University. Further, the community's legal system is overloaded, so that a student who is charged with some violation would not have his/her day in court for several years, while the University's system, as proposed, could work far more quickly.)

2) Regents Bylaw 201 allows the President to take action against a student.
3) This should be seen as an educational process that challenges behavior of what the community expects, rather than punitive in nature. It is important to have a responsive system in place so that situations would be dealt with quickly and efficiently at the University level rather than getting into the court system.

4) Reasonable and consistent hearing procedures would need to be established.

5) The proposal lacks a date, and the reason for its creation: These should be added.

ITEM #3-SRC's reactions to events surrounding the deputization hearings and letters that followed in the Daily. See handouts - copies of newspaper articles.

After discussion it was decided that Harvey Bertcher, as Chair, would invite Devlin Ponte, with the Black Student Union, and David Holliman, a grad student and staff member of Minority Affairs, to attend the next SRC meeting, so that their views could be discussed.

Meeting adjourned 2:00

Next Meeting
Friday, April 17, 1992
Wolverine Room