Student Relations Advisory Committee

March, 28 2003
12:00-2:00
Bates Room
Michigan Union

Present: Pierce Beckham, Al Burdi, Frank Cianciola, Royster Harper, Patricia King, Chair Barbara MacAdam, Karen Reiman-Sendi, Ed Willis, Beth Powell (Staff)

Absent: Gary Faerber, Damon Fairfield, Martin Gold, Dana Fair, Marita Inglehart, Kathy Irwin, Jong-Jin Kim, Melissa Mercer, Simone Himbealt Taylor, Phil Savage, Ian Scott

Approval of Minutes and Announcements

Minutes were approved unanimously without change.

Review and Discussion of Amendment Proposed by James Hilton

A group consisting of students and faculty developed this amendment. This is an attempt to deal with a set of Internet violations. There was a suggestion that maybe this Amendment should go into the ITC policy, but this is important to include in either the Statement or the ITC.

Concern was brought up about the statement ‘proper authorization’ entails. Two questions raised were: “What Happens when someone has authorization on some instances and not on others, how will this be authorized?” The other question was with the last sentence “What about people with permission to use the email and be a voice for a group, but the other group members did not agree with particular statements?”

There has been no input as of yet from other organizations. There was a suggestion to separate this amendment from the other MSA amendments and spell out SRACS thoughts and ideas and explain time constraints.

Beckham offered to bring this issue to MSA. Other future action will be to talk to Mr. Hilton and see if he has a policy in place. There is agreement with the principle of the
sentiment but want some clarification and wording. Some will consult with other groups. There will be a suggestion that Mr. Hilton put this in the ITCS policy. Vice President Harper voiced concern about attaching this without the full procedure because it could start a precedent, but would like to try to speed the entire process for this amendment.

It was decided that we will invite groups to review and recommend their support/unsupport of the issue. It is important to get student input.

Procedure of Statement of Student Rights

There needs to be explicit deadlines to lessen these issues. Also, how do we deal with emergent circumstances? SRAC may be able to set up the structure for these circumstances because we set up this process.

Review and Potential Approval of Draft Recommendation Document

There are a number of options for how to present this document. We will say that the document represents majority views and the minority opinion will be in the text. The numbers of people who voted in for or against the amendment will be placed with the text in order to honor both the majority opinion and strong alternatives.

The document will include:

- The majority opinion
- Minority views
- Number of SRAC members that voted for or against the document
- The Amendment will be changed with the wording we voted on.
- The Appendix will include
  - Appendix C will be taken out and worked into the main document
  - The background Article will be taken out
  - Actual Dates will be included on everything
  - A copy of the Daily ad will be included
  - The student emails will be included with any identifying features removed

- The beginning of the document will have the date of the regents charge for this process included.

Professor Burdi moved to accept the document as discussed it was seconded by King. It was passed by all present members.

It was decided that Professor King will chair the April meeting in Chair MacAdams absence.

Reflection on Process
Issues brought up for future discussion are Residential Hall Life, Librarians, Budgets. Maybe we should talk about how to prepare the community to be diverse and inclusive in light of the war and Supreme Court Decision.

Vice President Harper reflected that the process was consultative and collaborative and gave students a chance to weigh in and put their input in before it was implemented.

In the future we should make dates and deadlines more explicit to ensure that all parties get a chance to be involved in this process.

Burdi requested that in April we have a Greek Community task force update.

The meeting Adjourned at 1:05

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

Beth Powell

SACUA Support Staff