I. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE
PRESENT: Gordon Flynn, Martin Gold, Robert Greebel, Maureen Hartford, Jeffrey Kwastel, Tali Kravitz, Mike Marich, Gerhard Olving, Leigh Woods
ABSENT: Royster Harper, Bruce Karnopp, Philip Meyers, Susan Pritzel, Fiona Rose, David Rosen, John Schulenberg
GUESTS: Mary Lou Antieau, Deborah Kraus

Chair Marich called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES--4/18/97
Minutes were approved with one minor correction.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Hartford announced that everyone could still sign up for the retreat sponsored by the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee. The retreat will be held on Monday, May 12, 1997 in the Michigan Union.

Dan Serota and Mike Nagrant will be the new student representatives for the 1997/98 academic year. Marich said that he made a recommendation to MSA to extend student appointments to two years instead of one.

IV. DPS RECOMMENDATIONS (Revised)
Our committee approved Kwastel's revised DPS recommendations. The recommendations would be sent to the Boylan Committee, DPS, and SACUA. Marich thanked Kwastel for his hard work and effort in this project.

V. ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE
Our committee continued its discussion of alcohol abuse on campus. Mary Lou Antieau and Deborah Kraus were invited to participate in this discussion. Antieau is the Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and a member of SAEN (Substance Abuse Education Network). Kraus is a psychologist at Counseling and Psychological Services. Both centered the discussion around our committee's questions.

Q: What is being done about the communication problems between students and the University authorities concerning alcohol abuse, specifically the lack of firm deterrents in the residence halls?
A: Antieau distributed packets containing all the programs and initiatives the University had done to counter the alcohol problem in the last five years. She said that OVPSA had plans to reevaluate the programs again in 1998. Currently, they are trying to reconstitute a committee to monitor the progress of these programs. In response to the initial question, Antieau said that the best way to deal with student offenders was to monitor
their behavior from the time of their first contact with authorities. The current procedure for students offenders is as follows: for a first offense the student is written up, for a second offense the student is written up and sanctioned, and for a third offense the student is sent to Antieau's office. However, Antieau said, it usually takes several repeated warnings until a student is sent to her office. When students are referred, RHA tries to respond to CAPS or alcohol workshop concerning the student's behavior. Their goal is to help students modify their drinking, not to treat alcoholics.

Q: Should University talk with local bars/clubs in an attempt to lessen binge drinking among students?
A: There are already laws in existence which prohibit the sale of alcohol to individuals that are visibly intoxicated. Instead, OVPSA focuses on advertising that would discourage unwise drinking. During Alcohol Awareness Week, they encouraged stores to display signs encouraging responsible drinking.

Q: How do we determine whether these programs and information campaigns really work?
A: Hartford stressed that multiple approaches to this problem work better than just one tactic, though its difficult to determine what affects what. Kraus said that a 1993 study showed that attitudes appeared to have changed. However, Kraus added, the goal of the program is to change behavior not attitudes. Kraus said that although there has been no formal data collecting done on the entire student body, there has been an increase in students volunteering that they have alcohol problems. She went on to explain the two mandated substance abuse programs that CAPS provides. One is Alcohol Screening, which targets binge drinkers and minor violations, and the Assessment of Substance Abuse Patterns (ASAP).

Q: What are the students' responses to counseling?
A: Kraus said that CAPS tries to make therapy non-judgmental though some students are defensive. Students are referred to the mandated alcohol workshop which CAPS provides by faculty, their coaches, etc. Many students are sent to the workshop after coming to CAPS for other problems such as depression. CAPS then does a two month follow-up on each student.

Q: What about the student's right to privacy?
A: CAPS cannot legally violate the student's privacy by contacting the parents unless the student poses an immediate threat to him/herself. However, Housing is allowed to call families if a student has violated its codes.

Q: What direction should SRC take next year in the campus alcohol problem?
A: Marich suggested getting SACUA involved and perhaps devoted a whole meeting to this topic. Working closely with mediators in individual schools and colleges to encourage more faculty involvement with this issue was also suggested. The faculty, everyone agreed, could play an important role in detecting students who have potential problems with alcohol and other drugs. Kraus volunteered to get statistics on the effects of drinking
on students' academic experiences. Also, our committee stressed that social drinking should be made separate from binge drinking and responsible drinking behavior should be encouraged.

VI. STUDENT GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Kravitz distributed a comprehensive report of the Student Governance Sub-Committee's activities throughout the year. She hoped that the sub-committee would become a permanent fixture in the SRC in the years to come.

VII. FAREWELLS AND THANKS
Marich thanked Hartford for all her efforts throughout the course of the year and also gave a thanks to all the committee members who were leaving after this year. Marich also thanked Brown, the recorder, for her work with the committee. Gold thanked Marich and Brown for their time and efforts with the committee. Afterwards, everyone made their final departing comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
Marich called the meeting to adjournment at 1:30 p.m.