Student Relations Advisory Committee

29 September 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE


ABSENT: Royster Harper, Bruce Karnopp, Susan Pritzel, Yvonne Tsai, Teshome Wagaw

The Committee Day Luncheon began at noon in the Pendleton Room of the Michigan Union. Bill Ensminger, chair of SACUA (Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs) presented the speakers. Lee Bollinger, president of the university, spoke first, followed by Provost Nancy Cantor. Our meeting came to order at 12:45.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Burdi welcomed all new and returning members to the committee. Committee members introduced themselves. Burdi presented Colleen Brown to the committee. Brown will be serving as the committee's recording secretary.

II. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/ PURPOSE

Brown distributed information packets to the committee that included membership lists of the committee, of Senate Assembly and of SACUA. Burdi distributed agendas to the committee as well as copies of the committee's mission statement. Burdi summarized the committee's purpose as providing counsel and recommendations for SACUA, Senate Assembly, and for the OVPSA (Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs). The committee serves also as an open forum for exchanging ideas about student affairs.

III. MEETING TIME

Meeting times and dates were discussed. In previous years, the committee met the second or third Friday of every month between noon and 2:00 p.m. in the Bates Room of the U-Club, situated in the Michigan Union. Burdi suggested that members send their availability schedules to Brown via email (colleenb@umich.edu) so that a permanent schedule could be made.

IV. SUMMARY OF 1997-98 ACTIVITIES

Olving, last year's chair, distributed a summary of 1997-98 agenda topics. Burdi said that
this list will serve as a basis from which members can formulate new issues and ideas for this year.

V. SUGGESTIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES
Burdi urged the committee to begin thinking about specific issues and discussion topics for upcoming meetings. Vice-President Hartford approved of Burdi's suggested agenda topics as well as offered several suggestions of her own. These included the following:

Community Center in Pierpont Commons (North Campus)
This year, the OVPSA will conduct focus groups and telephone surveys to help determine the role this center will play in student campus life. Hartford would also like the committee's input concerning this issue.

Living & Learning Communities
Lester Mott's final report on living and learning community programs is now available for distribution. The committee's opinions in this matter would be welcome.

Assistant Vice-President for Student Affairs
Hartford talked of inviting David Schoem, the new Assistant Vice-President for Student Affairs to a meeting.

Student Code of Conduct
The student code of conduct is currently in the process of being reviewed. Hartford would like the committee's input on this issue. All dialogue between Hartford and the committee concerning this issue would be kept confidential.

Gold raised the question of SRC representation on the review board for the student code. Hartford responded that while there was no actual place for the SRC in this process (the board's report is due in late October), our committee could review their final report and discuss issues involving the Code. Burdi suggested that November be the tentative meeting date to discuss this matter. Student representatives were encouraged to be present for this meeting.

Hartford said that she would bring copies of the OVPSA's internal review, the Student Code of Conduct, and statistical data of student hard drug use to the next meeting.

Other issues suggested:

Greek Rush
Gold suggested discussing the possibility of a deferred Greek Rush. There have already been three recommendations from different advisory committees to defer Rush. The committee talked again of inviting David Schoem, who is currently working towards resolving this issue, to speak at the December meeting.

Student athletes' role in campus life
The committee discussed inviting Tom Doss to speak on this subject.
Enhancing research potential of Vice President's office
Hartford mentioned that Simone Taylor, a research assistant in her office, was assembling a report on the research goals and projects of the VP office. The office is currently involved in running a university-wide survey of incoming freshman, a questionnaire on the Student Code review, and the Pierpont Commons survey. Hartford asked the committee to think about other possible research projects that would be suitable for the VP office's undertaking.

Burdi encouraged the committee to make lists possible discussion topics and speakers for this year. He hopes to have four or five main issues to address during the year. Committee members were asked to send any ideas or suggestions to the Chair Burdi (alburdi@) or Brown (colleenb@).

Burdi thanked the committee for coming and for the good turn-out. Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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