Minutes of 7 October 2005
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Student Relations Advisory Committee
October 7, 2005
Bates Room - UClub, Michigan Union


Guest: Malinda Matney
Senior Research Associate
Division of Student Affairs

Meeting called to order 12:13pm.

I. Welcome
The Chair (T. Satterfield) welcomed the committee to an exciting year with the Student Relations Advisory Committee. The Chair introduced herself and invited committee members to introduce themselves.

T. Satterfield noted that she has met with the Division of Student Affairs and SACUA to discuss what salient issues the SRAC may encounter. Such issues included: Greek Life, class evaluations, bridging the gap between athletes and non-athletes and issues concerning non-traditional students.

II. Comments and Context
Vice President for Student Affairs E. Royster Harper thanked the committee members and the chair for serving on the SRAC. By way of context, Harper presented a PowerPoint snapshot of the DSA’s work that also included student concerns and institutional initiatives.

PowerPoint presentation is attached.

III. Presentation and Discussion
Senior Research Associate Malinda Matney presented findings and implications of 2004 CIRP data at the University of Michigan. CIRP tracks the attitudes and behaviors of incoming freshmen and reports can be generated comparing UM to national trends and past freshman classes. The CIRP data, according to Matney, not only informs educational practice at the University of Michigan, but also inform the nation’s educational practices as information and literature is published and released from UM.
presentation enclosed

The Committee noted that certain measures, like the measure for “the drive to succeed” may be self-defined and subjective to a particular students. The original measure of “drive to succeed,” said Matney, was directed towards nontraditional students and how well they perceive that they can compete and succeed in a “traditional” college environment.

Koopman mentioned that it may be helpful to juxtapose the CIRP data with a recent NYTimes article about women with advanced degrees choosing to stay at home instead of joining the workforce. (citation enclosed)

Benamou commented that the presentation was very helpful and that this type of presentation with this data would be of value to all faculty. Most notably, the context of some of the measures and findings with discussion was helpful.

Harper posed the question of how the Division might rework or reframe the material that is uniquely helpful for faculty in their understanding of students.

Meeting adjourned 1:35.

Next SRAC Meeting: Friday, November 18

closures to the minutes:

“Students At the Center”
DSA briefing presentation to SRAC
PowerPoint

“What do we know about Millenials”
findings of the 2004 CIRP data at UM.
PowerPoint