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Student Relations Committee Meeting
Friday, October 11, 1991

Present: Harvey Bertcher (Social Work), Chair; Anna Babbitt (VP Guest); Robert Beyer (Biology); Alan Billings (Music); Walter Debler (Engineering, SACUA Rep.); Mark DeCamp (UM-Dearborn); Roy Glover (Anatomy); Valerie Guenther (Pres., Engineering Council and Guest); Eunice Royster Harper (Assoc. VP); Roman Hryciw (Civil Engineering); Don Kewman (Medical School); John Schmidt (MSA Rep.); Scott Waldbaum (MSA Rep).

Soup and salad lunch followed by a business meeting.

Introductions:

Harvey Bertcher, SRC Chair, introduced himself and had all those around the table introduce themselves.

Vice President for Student Services Search Update:

Harvey gave Vice President Mary Ann Swain's regrets for not being at today's meeting and stated that the search is progressing rapidly. The field of candidates has been narrowed down to three very, good people who will be coming back to campus for second visits soon. We may know who the new Vice President will be by the end of this month.

Campus Life: Weekend Social and Cultural Events:

Royster began by stating that it is important for the University to give students a stronger role in the process of making decisions that affect their lives on campus. Social and cultural events are a part of this. She recapped the events that led to the incident after the Michigan/Notre Dame football game last month, stating that we want to offer alternative events in the future so this does not happen again. Knowing that during the first three weeks of school our students are out looking for a "collegiate event", we need to offer alternative activities that do not involve alcohol. Student Services is taking this opportunity to engage students in the process of programming to enable us to offer social and cultural events that the students will find enjoyable, educational, and be offered in safe environments. Major Events has already been doing some of this programming. The Office of the Vice President for Student Services (OVPSS) has approximately $25,000 to contribute to these kind of programming events, and the Divisional Program Council determines the funding levels that can be given to specific events. Royster then asked the SRC for their thoughts as to the kinds of programming that could be offered to the students.
Find out what is the UM responsibility as far as policing students from other schools and colleges.

Talk to DPS to find out what can be done "pro-actively" around big game weekends. Should there be a stronger security presence? Earlier in the evening? When should security show up? Should they show up? Should there be arrests?

Further Discussion on Student Governance:

Harvey asked for ideas on how to proceed to help us further our goal of increased student governance involvement in the UM's decision-making process. Valerie recapped how she as President of the Engineering Council is very actively involved with the Dean's Office at Engineering. When asked, she replied that she did not interact with the student governments at other schools and colleges. It was agreed that the SRC needs to support MSA to reach out to the student governments at the schools and colleges and that the OVPSS should also support, but not control, this reaching out activity.

A suggestion was made to arrange for a MTS conference group for students to message the SRC of their needs/complaints. It was also suggested to run an ad in the Daily asking students for their needs/complaints. It was not decided how or who would be responsible for responding to these. When the students present were asked what their (and other students) most important issues are, they responded by saying getting good grades; getting into graduate school; having quality teachers who care about their work, especially in the first two years; and wondering why TA's are grading their work and not the professors.

It was agreed that Harvey will contact Jamie Green, President of MSA, to see if he will attend the next meeting and speak to us of MSA's agenda this year. Harvey will also try to contact one or two other student leaders to see if they can attend and tell us about their roles in their school/college.

Other requests:

The SRC would like Mary Ann and Royster to keep them updated as they meet with various groups and decide upon alternative events that can be offered to the under-21 age students on campus.

If you plan to bring a student(s) guest to an SRC meeting, please notify Anna Babbitt by Monday, November 4, 1991, at 4-5132 or on MTS @UM.

Next meeting:

The next SRC meeting will be on Friday, November 8, 1991, noon-2:00 p.m., Michigan Union, Welker Room. A light lunch will be served.