Present: Fred Askari, Bonnie Fauman, Rachel Goldman, Royster Harper, Donna Hayward, Simone Himbeault-Taylor, Charles Koopman, Leo McAfee, Stacy Peterson, David Potter; student reps Talley & Matthew Woods; Paula Pawlowski.

Absent: Lisa Low

Guests: Nex-Step students Joe, Ida, & Jackie; Laura Blake Jones, Assoc. VP, Student Affairs & Dean of Students.

Chair Potter convened the meeting at 11:50.

Chair Remarks
Chair Potter welcomed back the Committee and summarized this year’s topics, including the bride program and rec sports facilities. A December meeting is tentatively scheduled, but the Committee will decide at the next meeting whether we will be meeting. The next meeting will focus on students and living/learning programs. We will be meeting in North Quad to tour the new facility. The Chair noted that attendance is encouraged in order to be effective and to show future guests that their efforts are appreciated.

Approval of Minutes & Introductions
Minutes from the April 16, 2010 meeting were approved. Committee members introduced themselves.

VPSA Remarks
Royster Harper thanked the committee members for returning this year and welcomed new members. She noted that issues of hate and bias will be particularly emphasized in light of the Chris Armstrong situation and a national rise in bullying.

Student Visit: Nex-Step
The Committee welcomed Joe, an LSA sophomore, Ida, a business senior, and Jackie, an engineering senior, who together started Nex-Step. The students wanted to get opinions from students on how to change the U. After a month-long campaign of online submissions and votes, the students acquired 230 different ideas. Many of the ideas (increasing printing allotment, lower tuition, improved rec facilities, more concerts) were not feasible for Nex-Step to carry out, so the students sat down with a faculty review board and filtered the most important ideas. From this process, the students created Meet the yoU, a two-day student-facilitated discussion that encourages students to recognize their personal strengths and the application of these strengths. Nex-Step intends to make Meet the yoU an event annual, with the first pilot in January 2011 with about 30 students with different perspectives and to foster discussion. Along with Joe, Ida, and Jackie, a group of 15 students, who are involved with various parts of campus, are organizing the event and getting a variety of undergrad students represented.
The students outlined the tentative organization of the event:

- **Day 1, Exploration:** Encourage students to ask the right questions, set goals, and look into resources.
  - Possible collaborations with MPower, MSA, POS, and the Alumni Association.

- **Day 2, Experiment:** Link students with students/alums and faculty (including GSIs) to respond to the surveyed students’ needs.
  - More connections to the real industry
  - Meet the Majors
    - Represent 3-4 degrees
    - Make students aware of majors outside of their homebases
  - LSA recruiting

The students explained that they know what the students want, but the Committee knows how the U is ran. How can Nex-Step ensure that Meet the yoU happens?

The Committee noted that the event could possibly overlap with existing resources and centers on campus, like LSA Advising and the Career Center. The students responded that being student-run is the big appeal of Meet the yoU, in order to show students that they can make an impact. The students have contacted a Business School alum who is trained in facilitating large groups. The group is considering collaborating with existing centers, but this is still in-process. The Committee suggested that Nex-Step makes CAPS aware of this event to target students who need the direction.

The Committee also recommended that the students focus on choosing classes and majors that will hone a variety of marketable skills. Students should “stop and smell the flowers.”

The students admitted that marketing the event will prove to be the biggest challenge. The event will be valuable, but targeting the right demographic and apathetic students is important.

Per survey responses, the Committee discussed the request for more concerts on campus. There used to be more big-name concerts at the U, but the entertainment industry has changed. Performers worry that Ann Arbor is too close to the Palace in Auburn Hills and that performances will not sell out if concerts are held at both locations. Our stadium is too large and other venues are too small, too expensive, or have bad acoustics. As for the other survey suggestions, the Committee can see how to tackle streamlining information for students and residency questions.

The students left the meeting at 12:42.

**Remarks from Student Affairs**
Laura Blake Jones, associate VP of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, joined the committee to discuss campus climate issues, considering the recent national spikes in hate and bias. Unfortunately, the Chris Armstrong situation is not the only problem the U is dealing with; there have been reports of homophobic, racist, and sexist remarks and pictures in the dorms, especially on white boards that students hang on their doors.
It was pointed out that we possibly have a lower threshold for bullying and that the U needs to carry out support indiscriminately and consistently. While certain aspects of bullying may not have increased, social awareness has made us more sensitive to bullying. It was mentioned that bullying has become more graphic and vulgar in the nature of expressions has increased.

Within the LGBTQ community, there have been many publicized cases of physical bullying and its psychological effects. The U has shown strong support for Chris Armstrong (from the Regents, the President, Student Affairs Division, SACUA, faculty, and staff). The U took immediate action with Assistant Attorney General Andrew Shirvell and his trespassing on campus. The U is using this opportunity to look holistically at how U values are enforced and to reaffirm its dedication to being a respectful and open community, through existing programs like Expect Respect and to new students during Orientation.

**Closing Remarks**
The topic of bullying is important and the committee should review it again.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01.

Respectfully submitted,

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