Student Relations Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting - 9 November 2001

Members Present: Alphonse Burdi (chair), Frank Cianciola, Brian Coppola, Royster Harper, Gary Faerber, Bruce Karnopp, Barbara MacAdam, Rich Mayk, Pete Podein, Karen Reiman-Sendi, Simone H. Taylor, Margaret Terpenning, Jane Leu (staff)

Members Absent: Colin Heitzmann, Jong-Jin Kim, Patricia King, Melissa Mercer, Nicole Pinkard

Guest(s): MSA Pres. Matt Nolan [appeared after meeting was adjourned].

Chair Burdi opened the meeting promptly at noon at which time all those in attendance were invited to introduce themselves. Professor Burdi did note that several student members are yet to be appointed to the committee. He also mentioned that MSA President Matt Nolan would be joining the meeting today to bring SRAC up-to-date on the current Michigan Student Assembly proposal for an academic calendar change in fall term dealing essentially with mid-term study days. Given that this meeting was essentially the first business meeting for the committee, the chair invited Vice-President Royster Harper to take whatever time she needed to summarize the visions, administrative structure and operations of her office.

Vice President Harper also welcomed faculty and students on the committee. She distributed a newly-created Student Relations Advisory Committee Briefing Notebook: Division of Student Affairs … “Working TOGETHER to keep students at the CENTER”. [Contents of the notebook are listed at the end of these minutes. Notebooks will be made available to SRAC members who were unable to be at the November meeting.]

The vice-president candidly described for the Committee the extensive missions of the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) incorporating the decentralized nature of the institution and evolving/moving from the Silos Model through a Building Relationships Model toward a Collaborative Model. The Division of Student Affairs, Royster Harper continued, remains committed and working always to align a variety of services to meet developmental needs of students and contribute to issues germane to student life at the University of Michigan. Her administrative team regularly uses outcome assessment techniques to assess if they are doing the right things and doing things right. The DSA Council, Budget Development task teams, and functional groups work to make sure the intersection of institutional issues, division issues, and academic unit issues is clearly at
the point of student learning, development and life experiences---both within and outside the classroom. Vice President Harper then listed several issues she and her administrative team are currently facing and for which she will be looking very much to SRAC for advice during the academic year. Her working agenda for the year will be discussed further at SRAC’s next meeting.

Professor Burdi then invited Frank Cianciola [Sr. Assoc. Vice-President for Student Affairs] to brief the committee on current and future happenings in the university’s residence hall system. He summarized that the Residence Life Initiatives are focusing on fire and safety issues, a new residence hall designs, and the essential renovations of our current facilities. Much of these initiatives are envisioned to be focused on the educational and “life experiences” components of residence hall life. Mr. Cianciola welcomed the opportunity to return to this topic in future meetings of SRAC.

Noting that one of Michigan’s most successful coaches would be retiring soon after many years of service, Bruce Karnopp recommended that the Committee send Dick Kimball a letter of recognition for his years of distinguished service to the University. The committee agreed with Bruce and asked that this be done.

Thanking all for their attendance and contributions, Chair Burdi formally closed the meeting at 1:40 pm. In doing so, he invited committee members to let him know of their suggestions for future agenda items.

Minutes Taken and Respectfully submitted,

Jane Leu, Ph.D.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

(1) Student Relations Advisory Committee Membership List 2001-2002 (current-to-date)

(2) Student Relations Advisory Committee Briefing Notebook: Division of Student Affairs … “Working TOGETHER to keep students at the CENTER”.

1. SRAC Statement of Composition, Purpose, and Procedures
2. SRAC Membership List as of November 1, 2001
3. Division of Student Affairs Mission Statement
4. Division of Student Affairs Organizational Values
5. Operating as ONE Division of Student Affairs
6. Organization Charts for University of Michigan and for Student Affairs
7. University Housing - Functional Overview
8. Organization Chart for Student Affairs Health Service
9. Division of Student Affairs FY 2002 FTE’s pie chart by major unit
10. Division of Student Affairs FY 2002 Revenues pie chart (in thousands of dollars) and FY2002 Expenses pie chart (in thousands of dollars)
11. New Residence Hall Planning and Construction Briefing Overview (Feb 2001)
12. Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities (effective July 1, 2001)
13. The second chapter of change: on the undergraduate experience—Renewing Undergraduate Education at the University of Michigan Report of the President’s Commission on the Undergraduate Experience
14. Principles of Good Practice for Student Affairs: Statement and Inventories by The American College Personnel Association (ACPA) and National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)
17. Family Matters: A newsletter for Michigan families, August 2001
18. Division of Student Affairs Referral Guide for Faculty
19. Michigan Student Assembly Proposal for an academic calendar change in fall terms