Annual Report of the Student Life and Interests Committee, 1959-60

I. Introduction

This year, 1959-60, the Student Life and Interests Committee, having jurisdiction, subject to faculty direction and control, over all extra-curricular activities and interests of the students, met bi-weekly for a total of 24 conferences to date and for a total of 38 hours. It is typical procedure for many of the problems to be referred to the six SLIC subcommittees for investigation and recommendation. The subcommittees are as follows: (1) Finance, (2) Fine Arts, (3) Fraternities, Sororities and Social Life, (4) Publications, (5) Student Government and Student Organizations, and (6) Student Health and Housing. Very often problems are referred to ad hoc committees appointed by the chairman. All meetings are open to interested students and faculty members and minutes are sent to interested persons upon request.

II. Discussions and Actions of SLIC

The following SLIC actions and topics discussed by the committee are worthy of mention:

1. For the 1959-60 academic year SLIC allocated $46,672 of segregated student fees to student organizations at UW-M. Unallocated funds totalling $1,348 were available to SLIC for disbursement to various organizations in compliance with financial requests throughout the year, of which amount SLIC allocated $735.

2. On October 7, 1959, a policy stating eligibility requirements for participation in student activities was passed by SLIC.

3. On October 21, 1959, SLIC adopted a policy concerning the scheduling of student activities during the periods immediately preceding and during the final examination period. This policy became effective the second semester of the 1959-60 academic year.


5. On December 4, 1959, SLIC established criterion upon which all requests from student organizations for financial assistance will be judged.

6. On December 4, 1959, SLIC made a recommendation to USG concerning the use of the duplicating machine in the Union by students.

7. At the December 4, 1959 meeting, SLIC voted that the student insurance program must be reviewed every three years, unless unusual circumstances arise.

8. SLIC recommended to the faculty on December 4, 1959, that the Physical Education Program at UW-M be placed on a voluntary basis without credit.

9. On December 16, 1959, SLIC adopted a policy concerning religious organizations and the extent to which religious organizations are allowed to use University facilities. This policy was discussed at length with representatives of various religious groups at a special meeting called for that purpose on January 7, 1960.
10. At the December 16, 1959 meeting, SLIC adopted a policy concerning student "demonstrations" and the avenues of communication students should use before resorting to "demonstrations."

11. At the January 13, 1960 meeting, SLIC established a perpetual fund of $100 for the benefit of the graduating senior classes, against which they may "borrow" for incidental expenses prior to their organization.

12. On January 14, 1960, SLIC approved a set of "Instructions for Poll Sitters" to be observed at all student elections.

13. On January 14, 1960, SLIC made recommendations to Dr. Klotsche concerning the space and housing problem of Greek organizations on campus.

14. On February 17, 1960, SLIC adopted a policy providing for the functioning of temporary political organizations on campus for the purpose of supporting candidates for election.

15. At the March 3, 1960 meeting, SLIC adopted a policy concerning the participation of students on academic probation in extra-curricular activities and organizations. The policy will become effective the first semester of 1960-61 and will also apply to the spring elections of 1960.

16. SLIC, at their March 3 meeting, adopted a plan for control of Campus Carnival and distribution of funds therefrom. The carnival is to be controlled jointly by USG and the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, and funds are to be divided according to the adopted plan.

17. On March 9, 1960, SLIC accepted recommendations from the ad hoc committee on parking for a better and more equitable parking system. These recommendations were submitted to the Administrative Committee on March 11, 1960.

18. On March 17, 1960, SLIC established "closed dates" for Homecoming, Fire and Ice, Prom, Campus Carnival and Military Ball events. This means that no other University organization may schedule parties or social events on those dates.

19. On March 17, 1960, SLIC approved the UW-M Union Constitution. The Constitution was placed before the student body for approval in the April 7 and 8 student elections. The Constitution was defeated in the referendum. Constitutional changes were made by the Union Policy Board and resubmitted to SLIC on April 27. These changes were accepted and USG has been directed to conduct another referendum before the end of the semester.

20. SLIC, on March 17, 1960, established closing times for all campus social events.

21. On March 17, 1960, SLIC voted that all ballots for elections concerning all-school social affairs must list the candidates alphabetically according to the last name of the candidates.

22. On March 17, 1960, SLIC clarified the policy concerning student participation in extra-curricular activities and organizations while on disciplinary probation.

23. On March 30, 1960, SLIC heard complaints from members of the Student Judiciary concerning the functioning of the Court. SLIC recommended that the Chief Justice of the Court confer with the president of USG to clarify the procedures for resolving problems of the Student Court. These procedures are provided for under the present USG Constitution.
24. At the March 30, 1960 meeting, SLIC compiled a statement in regard to discriminatory practices in UW--M housing to be incorporated in a letter to landlords and in the handbook.

25. Thirteen organizational Constitutions were approved by SLIC during the year.

26. At the April 14, 1960 meeting, SLIC voted to recommend to the Secretary of the Faculty that the switchboard operate until 10:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday evenings of every week.

27. On April 27, copies of a proposed student organizations handbook, clarifying rules, regulations and the philosophy of extra-curricular activities on the UW--M campus, were distributed to SLIC members for editing and approval at its next meeting.

(Complete reports from each of the six subcommittees of SLIC, including more explanation and detail concerning the actions of SLIC, are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Faculty.)

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