Annual Report of the Student Life and Interests Committee, 1960-61

I. Introduction

This year, 1960-61, the Student Life and Interests Committee, having jurisdiction subject to faculty direction and control, over all extracurricular activities and interests of the students, met bi-weekly for a total of 16 conferences to date for a total of 35 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. September 22, 1960, SLIC reviewed the University's policy concerning the activities of religious organizations and referred this problem for further study to an ad hoc committee.

2. September 22, considered a request for allocation of SLIC funds by the Ranger Rifle Team.

3. October 6, referred to the Subcommittee on Finance recommendations concerning the revision and registration of admission events by SOFA.

4. October 6, denied the request of the UW-M Rangers that eligibility requirements not apply to them as stated on pages 4 and 5 of the Cardinal Compass.

5. October 6, heard the report of the ad hoc Committee on Religious Organizations. The ad hoc committee recommended certain changes in the University's philosophy on the activities of religious organizations. The report was adopted as policy.

6. October 6, heard a report from the Finance Committee concerning a $500 request by the UW-M Rifle Team.

7. October 6, referred to the SLIC Subcommittee on Finance for further study the problem of University Theatre Box Office help.

8. October 20, referred to the SLIC Subcommittee on Finance the problem of the deposition of $3,000 in parking fine money.

9. October 20, heard a report concerning a slash in SLIC appropriations of approximately $6,000 and referred this problem of budget cuts to the SLIC Subcommittee on Finance.

10. October 20, tabled a report of the SLIC Subcommittee on Finance pending review and stabilization of the SLIC budget.
11. October 20, upon recommendation of the Subcommittee on Student Government and Organizations, approved the late registration of three organizations which had failed to register properly.

12. November 3, heard a report of the SLIC Subcommittee on Finance concerning budgetary requests and budget cuts, and established an eight-day moratorium for the purpose of giving the Subcommittee on Finance an opportunity to examine the budget cuts.

13. November 3, referred to the Subcommittee on Sororities, Fraternities and Social Life the problem of regulating three new outdoor bulletin boards.

14. November 11, received a complete report on budgetary problems from the Subcommittee on Finance.

15. November 11, established an ad hoc Committee on Finance to investigate with the cooperation of the Office of Student Affairs, SOFA, and the Business Office, the long-range problem of financing student activities.

16. November 17, received a report from the Subcommittee on Fraternities, Sororities, and Social Life concerning the collection of unpaid debts. In this respect the Student Life and Interests Committee strongly recommended that fraternities and sororities restrict the activities of members who are deeply in debt to their organizations.

17. November 17, received the report from the Subcommittee on Fraternities, Sororities, and Social Life concerning the control of student publicity on bulletin boards. The committee directed that University Student Government study this problem and report its solutions to SLIC as soon as possible.

18. November 17, appointed Miss Donna Buehler, freshman, pre-commerce student, to fill the vacancy in the Student Judiciary Court.

19. December 1, accepted a report from the Subcommittee on Publications concerning recommendations affecting the Cheshire and its staff.

20. December 1, received a report from the Subcommittee on Finance concerning SOFA's supervision over all admissions events, or which state funds were involved and also, all admissions events whether or not state funds were involved, but for which a charge in excess of $1 was made.

21. December 15, received and approved the report from the Subcommittee on Student Government and Organizations concerning the approval of the organizational constitutions of Chi Beta Epsilon Social Sorority and the Economics Club.

22. December 15, received a progress report from the ad hoc Committee on Finance concerning the problem of long-range financing of student activities.

23. February 2, 1961, received a progress report from the ad hoc Committee on Finance.

24. February 2, received a report from the Subcommittee on Fraternities, Sororities, and Social Life concerning the promotion of higher academic achievement among University students.
25. February 2, adopted the policy concerning student organizational tables set up during registration week.

26. February 16, received a progress report from the Subcommittee on Health and Housing concerning the evaluation and re-examination of the student health insurance program.

27. February 16, discussed the unauthorized publication of the Adversary and granted permission to this group to continue publication subject to official registration and faculty advising.

28. February 16, referred the problem of changes in the Cardinal Compass concerning new student publications to the Subcommittee on Publications.

29. March 2, approved a policy statement concerning discrimination drawn up by the University Human Rights Committee.

30. March 2, approved a request of the Campus Party to establish itself as a temporary campus organization during the coming University Student Government elections.

31. March 2, permitted UW--M Young Democrats, because of extenuating circumstances, to register late.

32. March 2, accepted the University Student Government bulletin board report concerning the plans for the control for student publicity bulletin boards.

33. March 2, accepted a progress report from the tri-committee (the ad hoc Committee on Finance, Subcommittee on Finance, and the Subcommittee on Student Government and Organizations) concerning future financing of student activities and student government re-organization.

34. March 16, accepted a committee report from the Subcommittee on Sororities, Fraternities, and Social Life concerning the lengthening of closed period during final examinations. This committee report was established as policy.

35. March 16, accepted a recommendation of the Subcommittee on Fraternities, Sororities, and Social Life concerning the restriction of non-University personnel at all-school parties.

36. March 16, accepted a report and recommendation from the Subcommittee on Publications concerning approval of the distribution of handbills on campus.

37. March 16, gave permission to members of the Representative Student Party to register as a permanent party on campus.

38. March 16, gave permission to the staff of the Adversary to present Mr. Frank Wilkenson as a speaker in the Union Lounge on March 27.

39. March 23, re-examination of the presentation of Mr. Frank Wilkenson on the UW--M Campus by the Adversary. SLIC reaffirmed its stand of the previous week which gave Adversary permission to bring Mr. Wilkenson on campus as an off-campus speaker.

40. March 30, received a report from the Finance Subcommittee concerning extended revenues from Auxiliary Enterprises and the projected SLIC budget for the school year, 1961-62.
41. April 20, received a report from the Subcommittee on Sororities, Fraternities, and Social Life recommending the official merger of Sigma Delta Omega, local engineering fraternity, with Triangle engineering fraternity.

42. April 20, received a tri-committee report concerning referendum questions to be proposed to the student body through University Student Government.

43. April 20, took action on old business concerning penalty clause for noncompliance with Article 10, page 14, of the Cardinal Compass.

44. April 20, approved the re-instatement of the Wesley Foundation as a registered University student organization.

III. Annual Reports of the SLIC Subcommittees

A. Report of the Subcommittee on Finance

1. The Finance Subcommittee was engaged in revising the budget for student activities provided for by Fund 5000 to make adjustment for the substantial reduction in revenues resulting from the decrease in income from the book-store. This revision was accomplished eliminating appropriations to organizations which were inactive and by decreasing appropriations to organizations which had made less than expected demands upon the fund. The Committee also met with the ad hoc Finance Committee to consider new ways of supporting Fund 5000 activities and prepared an estimated summary budget for fiscal 1961-62.

2. It should be mentioned that in spite of the decrease in Fund 5000 revenue student activities financed by it were not curtailed. However, the committee is not too hopeful that the full range of student activities supported by Fund 5000 can long be continued with the present trend in income.

SLIC FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE:

(Faculty)
Willis Hagen, co-chairman
Robert Norris
E. Schuld

(Students)
Gary Soiney, co-chairman
Lois Wiesner

B. Report of the Subcommittee on Fine Arts

1. Suggested changes in the current facilities in the Student Union Lounge.

2. Recommended changes in publications, concerned with school events, (format, style, etc.) that are distributed to the general public.

3. Made recommendations to the UW--M Union concerning exhibit space and theatre facilities with respect to future union expansion.

4. Recommended better controls and supervision of the exhibit space at the entrance to the library.
B. Report of the Subcommittee on Fine Arts (continued)

SLIC FINE ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE:

(Faculty)
LeRoy Daniels
Lester Puhrmann, co-chairman
Dorothy Meredith

(Students)
Eleanor Kowske, co-chairman
Diane Reinhard

C. Report of the Subcommittee on Fraternities, Sororities, and Social Life

1. Areas studied were: registration of social events, responsibilities of chaperones, regulation of campus bulletin boards, mid-week activities, promotion of academic emphasis, extension of closed period during exam weeks, rescheduling of homecoming week to coincide with Wisconsin Teachers Convention, legality of University party regulations, and housing for fraternities and sororities.

2. Recommended the following: University offices should not be used by fraternal organizations as debt collection agencies; USG organize a committee to regulate student use of bulletin boards; faculty advising effectiveness be studied by the Student-Faculty Conference Committee on Educational Affairs; that all off-campus all-school parties be limited to UW-M students; restriction of all activities during a closed period beginning the Monday preceding the first scheduled final examination; and the approval of merger between Sigma Delta Omega and Triangle fraternities.

3. Reports and correspondence: report on fraternity housing project at Whitewater, correspondence from City Attorney's office on alcoholic beverage laws, and an AEpi report on the establishment of a fraternity lodge.

4. Following areas of social activities need more study: legality of UW-M party regulations, housing for fraternities and sororities, and a social program to include more students and unify student body.

SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND SOCIAL LIFE:

(Faculty)
Pierce Kramer
Evangelos Mablekos
Charlotte Wollaeger, co-chairman

(Students)
Wayne Bottini
Janet Novotny
Fred Urbanski, co-chairman
D. Report of the Subcommittee on Publications

1. This committee concerned itself primarily with two major matters during the school year: the revamping and revitalizing of Cheshire and the control of new publications.

2. Recommended that: (1) Cheshire be allowed to set up a fee schedule to pay for contributions to the magazine, (2) Cheshire accept donations from business and professional patrons, and (3) Cheshire be sold for a fee of twenty-five cents per copy.

3. Recommended various changes in the Cardinal Compass, Student Organizations Handbook, that affected student publications.

   SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS:
   (Faculty)
   Emma Diekroeger
   Philip Perlson, co-chairman
   George Richard
   (Students)
   Mary Aschenbrenner
   Russell Boerner, co-chairman
   Charles Wickman

E. Report of the Subcommittee on Student Government and Organizations

1. Examined and recommended for SLIC approval the constitutions of Chi Beta Epsilon and the Economics Club.

2. Reviewed the cases of three organizations that failed to register properly (Order of Artus, Economics Club and Young Republicans Club) and recommended that they be permitted to register.

3. Met jointly with the Finance Subcommittee and the ad hoc Committee on Finance to study finances and reorganization of student government.

   SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS:
   (Faculty)
   Fern Ehlers
   Clinton Olmsted
   Earl Ratledge, co-chairman
   (Students)
   Richard Barnard
   Ronald Hehn, co-chairman
   Victor Levin

F. Report of the Subcommittee on Health and Housing

The committee has met a great number of times during the school year for the purpose of evaluating and reviewing alternative student health insurance plans. The committee met with the following companies: Continental Casualty (the present insurer); Mutual of Omaha, Higham, Neilson, Witridge and Reid;
F. Report of the Subcommittee on Health and Housing (continued)

Zurich-American; and Blue Cross. Additional meetings are scheduled and the committee plans to make specific recommendations to SLIC in May.

SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HOUSING:

(Faculty)
Pearl Augspurger
Marilyn Miller, co-chairman
Oral Robbins

(Students)
Tony Broskowski, co-chairman
Richard Katz
Karen Mooney

STUDENT LIFE AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE:

Faculty Members
Lester Fuhrmann
Willis Hagen
Rodney Marquardt
Marilyn Miller
Robert Norris
Philip Perlson
Earl Ratledge
Loretta Ropella
Richard Siebring
Louis Stamatakos, Chairman
Stanley Vardys
Charlotte Wollaegeger, Associate Chairman

Student Members
Russell Boerner
Bernice Buresh
Karen Cashen
Robert Franzmann
Russell Osantowski
Wayne Youngquist