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The Committee met four times during the academic year 1995-96. The dates of the meetings were: October 11, December 13, February 28 and April 17. At the first meeting, Professor K. Vairavan was re-elected as the Committee Chair. He suggested that, as in the previous year, the Committee members communicate to the faculty, staff and students about the role of the Committee, and to recommend items for future consideration by the Committee. In each of the meetings, the Assistant Chancellor for the University Relations, Ms. Sandra Hoeh-Lyon gave a detailed presentation on legislative and community matters relevant to the University. Also, each of the four meetings focused on a particular issue of importance to the University.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Ruth Williams was the guest at the first meeting. She addressed enrollment issues and responded to the Committee’s questions and suggestions.

At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. Wendy Fall (Director of Student Services, Graduate School) and Mr. Alan Swatek (Assistant Dean, Graduate School) were the guests to discuss graduate student enrollment, services and related issues. A notable concern was a significant decline in the total number of Research Assistants, Teaching Assistants, Project Assistants and Fellows from 1030 in 1991 to 800 in 1995.

The third meeting focused on enrollment projections for the year 1995-96. Ms. Jan Ford, the Director of Recruitment and Outreach, reported the efforts and activities of her office to promote freshman enrollment.

Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Bill Mayrl was the guest at the last meeting. The focus of this meeting was on Dining Services on the campus. He explained steps being taken to improve them, and responded positively to suggestions from the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Vairavan
Chair (1995-96)
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