
The UWM Human Rights Committee had one primary focus this year, the question of off-campus housing for students. This issue was explored in cooperation with the UWM Committee on Housing, the Director of Housing, and other administrative officers of the University.

It was discovered that housing regulations in the current University catalog are both ambiguous and unenforced. In December, 1965, both this committee and the Committee on Housing recommended to the proper University officials that funds be provided for the purpose of employing an Assistant Director of Housing who would be responsible for developing a new off-campus housing list which would aid students, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, to obtain adequate housing. We are pleased that this recommendation received favorable consideration. Mr. Robert Seay assumed this new position on May 2, 1966.

It is the further hope of this committee that sufficient staff will be provided to the Office of Housing so that the recommendations of this committee made a year ago and approved at that time by the faculty can be implemented. These recommendations were that the relevant administrative personnel should secure a systematic study of the problem of student housing using the most rigorous of social science procedures and that rights of students to housing without discrimination should be emphasized in the orientation for all incoming students with provision being made for students to file complaints with respect to suspected discrimination by anyone on the University-approved housing list. This committee urges the 1966-67 UWM Human Rights Committee to continue to give attention to these matters.

The question of discrimination clauses in constitutions of various campus organizations was discussed. University Student Government has passed two bills which require that all organizations with presently-approved constitutions submit such constitutions to the USL Constitutions Committee within three years so that it can be determined that no student is excluded from organizational membership because of his race, color, creed, or national origin. The Human Rights Committee commends USG for its involvement in this issue. At the same time the committee reaffirms its conviction that faculty and students should share in the creation of a democratic and open community within the University by urging the representation of the faculty through this committee in the review of membership regulations of student organizations and their approval by USG. This would continue the cooperation initiated by this faculty-student committee through its invitation to student groups to participate in its work with the administration in the area of housing.

The committee has received no word of action on the recommendation passed a year ago by the faculty which urged that the Planning Office of the University be assigned the task of developing a plan for the heterogeneous physical environment of the University.

The faculty voted a year ago to include three student members on the committee. These new members have provided a valuable liaison with the student body and various campus organizations. The committee supports the policy of continuing student membership on the committee.

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