Report and Recommendations of RAP FOR THE 70's to the UWM Faculty Senate

The three-day series of discussions of March 3-5, 1970, titled "Rap for the 70's" was designed to provide opportunities for students, faculty, staff and administration to jointly address long standing issues and problems of relevance to the UWM community. The aim was not only to air these issues but also to see if a consensus could be reached as to recommended solutions. To this end, each Rap session was taped and a recorder noted proposed solutions in those cases where consensus was achieved. Rap session moderators also submitted reports focused on proposed solutions.

Recognizing that Rap for the 70's participants were not necessarily representative of the views of the general UWM community, the Rap organizers solicited the views of the general community by mailed questionnaire. All items on the questionnaire represented proposed solutions to problems coming out of the Rap groups.

Questionnaires were mailed to all students, faculty, administrators and staff at UWM. Responses were received from 132 staff, 126 tenured faculty, 150 non-tenured faculty and 4,097 students. Percentages of "Strongly Agree," "Agree Generally," "No Opinion," "Disagree Generally" and "Strongly Disagree" for each respondent category were calculated.

Rap organizers have decided to initially pursue action, through appropriate channels, on all items where 50 percent or more of staff, tenured faculty, non-tenured faculty and students "Strongly Agree" or "Generally Agree" with the action proposed in the questionnaire.

To this end I wish to move the following: That the committees designated below be asked to address those issues and problems stated in the opinion item(s) appearing immediately below the committee title. The charge to each committee is the same:

a) Review existing policies and programs related to the designated problem or issue.

b) Determine the desirability and feasibility of implementing the action recommended in the item(s).

c) If action is deemed desirable and feasible, prepare appropriate Senate and/or Faculty legislation, and/or design appropriate structure(s) for implementing the action.

d) Present initial findings and recommendations to the UWM Faculty Senate no later than May 1, 1972.

Academic Program and Curriculum
Academic credit should be granted for special non-classroom projects. A departmentalized academic advising system should replace the current system. Curricula should be designed to accommodate a diverse student body.

Athletic Board
Athletic facilities for individual activities should be expanded.
Housing Committee

Discrimination against pregnant women, such as their being prohibited from dorm residence, should be eliminated.

Physical Environment Committee

The proposed intramural building should be constructed, even if it must be located in Downer Woods. 59% of staff, 50% of tenured faculty, 52% of non-tenured faculty and 57% of student respondents "Generally Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree" with the statement.

Student Life and Interests Committee

More weekend programs for students should be provided such as dances, films, lectures, etc.

The beer drinking age on campus should be lowered to 18 years.

The university should provide more drug information programs and advising than it does now.

The university Health Service should provide birth control and abortion referral information.

Companies that discriminate against women should be prohibited from recruiting on campus.

All work-study jobs should be opened to women, including such jobs as janitorial services.

Sales taxes on textbooks should be eliminated.

Students should be able to vote where they attend school.

Students punished by local authorities for an off-campus matter should also be disciplined by the college. 50% Disagree

University Committee-Milwaukee

An all-university colloquium should be developed focusing on the decision-making processes in the university.

The university should provide an attorney to give legal advice to students and student groups.

Selection committees should strongly consider women appointees to improve the balance between men and women in administrative positions.

Non-tenured (junior) faculty members should be voting members of departmental executive committees.

Executive committees should be elected periodically rather than merely consist of senior department members.

Students should be represented on all university committees.

University Relations Committee

Administrative decisions and policies should be published in the POST and Crossroads.

UWM's administration should employ its public relations funds for hiring its own lobbyist in the legislature in Madison.

Financial dealings of the University should be publicized in the POST and Crossroads.

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