Report and Recommendation of
the UWM Faculty Senate
Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate the Results of
Changes in Legislation Related to the
Student Life and Interests Committee

On May 11, 1972 the UWM Faculty Senate approved a series of recommendations
(Fac. Doc. 722) developed by an ad hoc Committee to Evaluate the Functions and
Organization of the Student Life and Interests Committee (SLIC). In brief, the
legislation suspended SLIC for the 1972-73 academic year and assigned SLIC functions
to University Student Government (USG), the Segregated Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC),
the Union Policy Board (UPB) and a new committee, the University Publications Board.

On November 22, 1972 M. Besel, Chairman of the University Committee, appointed
an ad hoc committee to "...evaluate the effects of the legislation and make recommen-
dations which will enhance the implementation of the functions." The committee
included four faculty and three student members. Meetings were held with repre-
sentatives of the Student Activities Office, USG, SFAC, UPB, and the administration.
In addition, an open hearing was held to permit other students and faculty to
express their opinions.

The general conclusion drawn from these discussions is that the new organiza-
tion and structure is operating effectively. No individual expressed opposition to
the current structure and two student organizations, USG and SFAC, have taken action
supporting indefinite suspension of SLIC. It appears that the functions previously
performed by SLIC are now being carried out by the designated organizations with the
exception of some of those functions delegated to the Union Policy Board and all of
the functions delegated to the University Publications Board. As of the date of
this report, the University Publications Board has not been appointed but the UWM
administration has indicated plans to do so in the near future.

While not specifically related to the suspension of SLIC, Document 722 also
authorized the establishment of a Student-Faculty Senate Conference Committee with
a general charge to "...maintain regular communication with both senates." This
committee has experienced difficulty in getting organized and has not been able to
perform its function. A communication from two faculty members to the University
Committee has suggested some changes in organization and functioning.

Recommendations

After considering the available data and the opinions expressed by the various
individuals and groups, the ad hoc committee makes the following recommendations to
the Faculty Senate:

1) That the Senate action of May 11, 1972 suspending the Student Life and
   Interests Committee be extended indefinitely.

2) That the assignment of specific functions of SLIC to University Student
   Government, the Segregated Fee Advisory Committee, the Union
   Policy Board and the University Publications Board be extended indefinitely.
3) That the appropriate bodies be urged to activate the University Publications Board and the Student-Faculty Senate Conference Committee.

4) In order to provide for effective communication and record keeping, that the administration and/or SFAC be urged to provide appropriate assistance to SFAC, UPB, and the University Publications Board.

5) That the Union Policy Board be urged to explore means to

   a) more effectively evaluate program offerings

   b) coordinate program offerings with other campus organizations (e.g., Fine Arts) and

   c) improve the balance of offerings in Union programming.

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