ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENT LIFE AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE

I. Introduction.

The Student Life and Interests Committee (SLIC) was established by faculty action on November 8, 1956. The committee was given "jurisdiction, subject to faculty direction and control, over all extracurricular activities and interests of the students." A restatement of SLIC's descriptive definition was recommended to the faculty by the committee and, on November 14, 1957, the faculty accepted this restatement. The November 14 faculty action dealt primarily with SLIC's membership (12 faculty members and 4 students), the term of office of the members, and the manner in which the chairman and associate chairman are appointed annually. The definition and functions of the six SLIC subcommittees remained the same.

This year, 1958-59, the Student Life and Interests Committee, as a whole, has met weekly for a total of 23 two-hour conferences to date. It is typical procedure for many of the problems to be referred to the six SLIC subcommittees for investigation and recommendation. Very often problems are referred to ad hoc committees which are appointed by the chairman. Once a subcommittee or ad hoc committee formulates its recommendations, the main SLIC committee takes final action on the submitted report. The six 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.

The policy of having open meetings for all interested students and faculty members of the University was continued this year. Notices of all SLIC meetings are posted on the bulletin boards in the Union, the Main Building and the Administration Building, and all interested faculty members and students are sent minutes of SLIC meetings upon request.

II. Discussions and Actions of SLIC.

The following SLIC actions and topics discussed by the committee are worthy of mention:

1. On September 15, 1958, SLIC reviewed the September orientation week program and suggested revisions.

2. On October 2, it was recommended to the Extension Division that UW-M IVYs be distributed to approximately one-hundred high schools in the Milwaukee area.

3. On October 2, a student help fund of $1200 was established with SLIC unallocated funds for student supervisors and elevator operators on the Downtown Campus. The students work under the direction of the UW-M Union Director.

4. On October 15 a special committee on Union Policy was established for the purpose of recommending to SLIC definite policies which will describe the future role of the Union on the UW-M Campus. The committee was composed of 7 faculty members and 5 students.

5. On October 23, $400 was allocated to make possible additional student help in the old cafeteria of the Main Building, Kenwood Campus.

6. On October 23, an ad hoc committee of 3 faculty members and 3 students was appointed to investigate the problem of student organization funds at UW-M. A report was presented to SLIC and accepted on December 4, 1958.
7. Procedures and regulations governing registration of social events by student organizations was passed at the November 6 meeting.

8. UW-M policy governing drinking was clarified on November 6.

9. SLIC recommended on November 6 that all inquiries by students concerning University finances and budgets be directed to the appropriate academic deans and directors rather than to the business office.

10. On November 20, the committee accepted the SLIC student organization and student government subcommittee report on "Philosophy and Regulations Concerning the Presentation of Guest Speakers from Off-Campus by Student Organizations."

11. Ronald Harrison, Bernard Schur and Clara Zeidler were selected at the December 4 meeting for nomination to the faculty for appointment to the Student Judiciary of the University Student Government. The faculty approved the nominations at their January 8, 1959, meeting.

12. On December 11, SLIC reviewed the Statement of Policy Governing Radio and Television Appearances which was previously adopted by the UW-M Radio-TV committee. SLIC recommended certain changes in the policy statement to the Radio-TV committee.

13. A special committee was set up on December 11 to establish eligibility rules for holding positions of leadership in student organizations as well as membership in student organizations.

14. To date, SLIC has approved a total of 28 constitutions of student organizations out of a total of 90 organizations. USG and SLIC will continue to review and approve constitutions until all student organizations at UW-M have had their constitutions approved.

15. Approval of SLIC was given on January 14, 1959, to the distribution of UW-M desk blotter to faculty and students during the registration period in September, 1959. The distribution of the blotter is to be confined to the boundaries of the UW-M Campus.

16. $200 was allocated by SLIC on January 14 for use to employ a student to serve as secretary to SLIC.

17. At the February 19 meeting, SLIC approved a recommendation by the subcommittee on Fraternities, Sororities and Social Life for: (1) the establishment of criteria for the formation of a local sorority on the UW-M Campus, and (2) the establishment of criteria for nationalization of a local sorority at UW-M.

18. SLIC allocated $2700 to the UW-M band uniform drive on February 19.

19. On February 26, SLIC voted to recommend to the Provost that up to $12,000 be used out of the surplus of Fund 52 for dormitory improvements.

20. A Union Policy Board was created by SLIC on March 19. The board was created to prepare a constitution for the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee Union and to direct the administration of the affairs of the Union subject to the counsel and approval of the Board of Regents through the Provost. The Union Policy Board shall be composed of the following membership:
A. Faculty

1. Director of the Union.
2. Two members of the teaching faculty to be appointed by the Provost for two year staggered terms.
3. One representative of the Student Affairs Office.
4. One representative of the Business Office.

B. Students

1. Chairman of the Union Program Board.
2. Vice Chairman of the Union Program Board.
3. Treasurer of the Union Program Board.
4. President of University Student Government.
5. Three students selected by USL (one of whom must be a woman).

(Required chairman of the Union Policy Board shall be one of the student members.)

After a constitution has been ratified by the Union Policy Board it shall be submitted to SLIC and the UW-M faculty for review, whereupon it shall be submitted to the Union membership (students, faculty and alumni) in a referendum for approval.

21. At the March 19 meeting of SLIC, important action was taken which pertains to the 1960 student segregated fee. A $9.00 fee per student per semester will be segregated for student activities and union expansion. SLIC is recommending to the administration and Board of Regents that:

(a) not less than $1.00 of the $9.00 fee be used for student activities and that this student activity fee should be administered and supervised by SLIC.

(b) the profits from Auxiliary Enterprises should be under the control of SLIC and be used to support student activities and non-instructional student needs beginning in 1960.

(c) the present union amortization which is currently being paid for from profits of Auxiliary Enterprises be paid for after 1960 by the $9.00 student segregated fee for union expansion and student activities.

22. On March 19, SLIC requested that the UW-M Union be responsible for supervising the lounges on the Kenwood and Downtown Campuses.

23. On March 26, SLIC recommended to the faculty James Wiensch to fill the vacancy on the Student Judiciary. SLIC's recommendation was approved by the faculty at their April 9 meeting.

24. On March 26, SLIC began discussing eligibility requirements for students to participate in student activities. Also, SLIC is currently discussing eligibility requirements for students who hold positions of leadership in extracurricular activities.

25. At the April 16 meeting, a fraternity scholarship report was presented for the ten UW-M fraternities. The all-fraternity average of 2.34 indicated that UW-M fraternities are somewhat better than the national norm.
26. At the April 23 meeting, SLIC approved criteria for the formation of a local fraternity on the UW-M Campus. SLIC voted down a proposal by Interfraternity Council that "holds" be placed on students' academic records if they are delinquent in their financial obligations to fraternities.

27. SLIC discussed the recent student government elections at their April 23 meeting and requested that a report be submitted by the University Student Legislature by May 21.

28. For the 1958-59 fiscal year SLIC has allocated $19,105.00 of segregated student fees to 29 different student organizations at UW-M. The general classification of groups receiving financial support were: (1) Publications, $15,700; (2) Speech Activities, $3,700; (3) Music Activities, $7,085; (4) General Activities, $2,915; (5) USG Academic Affairs Department, $1,170; (6) USG USNSA Department, $200; (7) USG Social Affairs Department, $3,015; (8) USG Personnel Department, $400 (9) USG Student Services Department, $2,795; (10) USG Student Union Department, $8,000; (11) USG Public Relations Department, $2,550; (12) USG Executive Board, $825; (13) University Student Legislature, $750.

III. Annual Reports of the SLIC Subcommittees.

A. Report of the Subcommittee on Finance. The SLIC Finance subcommittee has been concerned with the following problems during the 1958-59 academic year:

1. Development of a SLIC support budget for student activities for the budgetary year 1959-60. Student organization budgets were received and reviewed as to financial support from SLIC. Currently, $1.75 per student per semester is used to support student activities. The student activities account is known as Department 5000 of Fund 52.

   SLIC FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

   (faculty)
   Richard John
   Peter Salamun
   Thomas Walton, Co-chairman

   (students)
   Richard Schmidt, Co-chairman
   Al Stasiewicz


1. A report was made indicating the need for repair, replacement and additional lighting equipment and supplies for the UW-M Theater.

2. Purchase of approximately $500 in lighting instruments and lighting supplies was approved.

   SLIC FINE ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE

   (faculty)
   Paul Anderson
   Lester Furhmann, Co-chairman
   Burton Potterveld

   (students)
   Marty Stoelzel, Co-chairman
   Carlene Jordan
   Karla Decker

As a follow-up to the Greek Week held in 1958, the following local sororities made final affiliation with these national groups:

- Alpha Delta Sigma
- Alpha Gamma Lambda
- Kappa Lambda Iota
- Phi Delta Delta
- Sigma Omicron Delta
- Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Phi Mu
- Alpha Phi
- Alpha Omicron
- Delta Zeta

The two local sororities, Chi Sigma Lambda and Lambda Phi Chi, were granted permission to make their own contacts with other national sororities.

Criteria for the formation of a new local sorority on the UW-M Campus and criteria for the nationalization of a local sorority as passed by the UW-M Panhellenic Council and this subcommittee was presented to SLIC. At present, Interfraternity Council is being encouraged to pass the same type of criteria.

This subcommittee has been on record as favoring self-liquidating housing for fraternities and sororities. Contact has been made with the Wisconsin Building Corporation who informed us that if a suitable house were selected it must first be bought by Madison who would lease it to UW-M who would in turn sub-lease it to the interested Greek group. This subcommittee found such a house and presented the financial figures as compiled by our business office to the Panhellenic Council. This council rejected the plan, for the quoted price, on the grounds that it would be available for only a limited amount of usage and too difficult to finance at this time. An insurance plan for both individual and group housing plans is now being explored. Also, investigation is being made into the possibility of Union expansion for use by Greek letter organizations.

Problems to be dealt with in the future include an improved rushing system to attract more students and a revamping of social activities to reach everyone. A survey made in regard to social attitudes on the campus was of little use so other sources should be used in the future.

SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES AND SOCIAL LIFE

(faculty)
- William Butler
- Pierce Kramer, Co-chairman
- Charlotte Wollaeger

(students)
- Joan Howard, Co-chairman
- Charles Lacke


The Publications subcommittee of SLIC concerned itself primarily this year with the problems of the functions and qualifications of advisers, the space problems, and the amount of equipment needed to allow the three campus publications to function ideally.
Two reports were presented to SLIC, from Ivy and the Post, as to what the adviser thought his duties were, and, at the same time, what the publication staff thought the adviser's duties entailed. No report was received from Cheshire.

With regard to space, the subcommittee recommended that each publication request adequate space in the proposed Fine Arts building. In the event that such space would not be available in the Fine Arts building, the subcommittee recommended that provisions be made for adequate space for publications elsewhere on the campus. At present, the Post has its own office which, however, will not be adequate if the staff expands for the purpose of more than one issue per week. Ivy is still using space which belongs to the Journalism Department. The Journalism Department will need this space in the near future. Cheshire is using an office which belongs to the Alumni Association.

The subcommittee has not as yet had a chance to look into the area of equipment, but, as was done in the other two areas, we expect that the publications will be asked to turn in reports on the amount and cost of equipment needed to operate ideally.

SLIC PUBLICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

(faculty)
Harold Ahlgren, Co-chairman
Garold Bartness
Frank Campenni

(students)
Fred Urbanski, Co-chairman
Harry Knitter
Russell Boerner

E. Report of the Subcommittee on Student Government and Organizations.

1. After a year's work, the subcommittee submitted to SLIC their report on "Philosophy and Regulations Concerning the Presentation of Guest Speakers from Off-Campus by Student Organizations." The report was approved by SLIC on November 20, 1958.

2. In the fall of 1958-59, SLIC was informed that there was some student feeling that University Student Legislature and the UW-M Post were bringing pressure to bear on the former University Women's Association to disband as a separate organization. The subcommittee was asked to investigate these charges.

It seemed to the subcommittee, however, that it would be wiser to wait and see if the situation would straighten itself out—which it subsequently did. Consequently, no investigation was necessary. In recent weeks, the UWA organization became a part of University Student Government and is now known as the Department of Women Students of USG.
SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

(faculty)
Lucius Barker
Major Wm. Whittington
Valeska Wollaeger, Co-chairman

(students)
Sandy LeGath, Co-chairman
Gerald Musich

F. Report of the Subcommittee on Student Health and Housing.

1. Vesper Vendors. After investigation, the subcommittee recommended to SLIC that Vesper Vendors be given permission to sell food in and to the dormitories provided that the contract with Ace Foods, Inc. would not be violated.

2. The old cafeteria. The subcommittee again investigated the old cafeteria, making visits to the place to report on conditions. For the second time, a recommendation was sent to SLIC that the old cafeteria should be closed immediately.

3. The smoking problem. The subcommittee recommended that the problem be returned to SLIC with no action taken by this committee, but that the smoking problem should be referred to the Maintenance Department.

SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STUDENT HEALTH AND HOUSING

(faculty)
Pearl Augspurger
Col. George Bruner
Ernestine Troemel, Co-chairman

(students)
Mary Savage, Co-chairman
Mary Fullmer
Joan Glysch

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