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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marcia Welsh, Chair
Faculty Senate

FROM: Jerry Wallulis, Chair
Student Affairs Committee

Vice President Dennis Pruitt met with the committee during the fall semester to discuss issues facing the staff in the Division of Student Affairs. Jerry Wallulis was elected chair of the committee, and discussion generated ideas for three follow-up meetings during the spring semester.

In February, Char Davis, Acting Vice President for Student Affairs, discussed the planned activities of a task force that worked during spring semester to consider the campus climate for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students on the Columbia campus. The committee's feedback was helpful as the Beyond Tolerance task force wrote and administered a survey to assess students' feelings about gay, lesbian, and bisexuals on campus.

In March research and assessment findings, used as planning tools as the division wrote its strategic plan, were shared with the committee. The committee reviewed the division's strategic plan for 1994-1995, a profile of our entering students, based on CIRP data, and a description students' experiences and perceived areas of development, based on a biannual CSEQ administration.

The last meeting of the semester focused on volunteer and community service opportunities for USC students. Novella Fortner Beskid and Rachelle Lehner discussed the Service-Learning model. The committee discussed a variety of ways that community service could enhance our students' experiences on campus. A new chair, Harriett Williams, was elected chair for the coming year, and Char Davis and two student members present were thanked for their involvement with the committee.