Committee on Labor Standards and Human Rights
University of Michigan

Minutes—Meeting of October 19, 2001

Present: Kristen Ablauf, David Deeg, Veronica Johnson, Kevin Kolben, Mimi Pledl (Committee staff), Larry Root, Steven Rosenberg,

Absent: Louis Green, James Hines, Sioban Harlow, Rob Howse,

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the September 21 meeting.

Information from the FLA and WRC. The conference calls with the WRC and FLA were postponed because of the number of members who were unable to attend the meeting. It was decided that the Committee would request both organizations to respond in writing to questions and that a conference call would be scheduled after the Committee has had an opportunity to review those responses. The Chair will draft a letter requesting information and circulate that draft to the members for review/revision via e-mail.

Licensees who haven’t joined the FLA. The Committee discussed follow-up with licensees who have not joined the FLA. In most cases, the FLA has not heard from these companies, rather than companies indicating explicitly that they were not intending to participate. Although the FLA has expressed willingness to write again to the companies, one problem may be that the companies do not know about the FLA and its relevance to their licensing role. Because of this, it was suggested that a letter be sent directly by the UM licensing office, informing the companies of the University’s requirement that they join the FLA. Such a letter would refer the licensees to the FLA for information and request that they inform the University if they do not intend to maintain their relationship as licensees. Kristen Ablauf will draft a letter.

Upcoming meetings. The next scheduled meeting is November 30. It was noted that at least two members will not be available for that meeting. The Committee will explore the option of an early evening dinner meeting (e.g., 5:30 – 7:30) as an alternative to trying to finding times during regular working hours.