

Faculty Diversity Committee Minutes January 30, 2002

Members Attending: Kris Bartanen, Bernie Bates, Nancy Bristow, Kim Bobby, Cameron Dolcourt, Rosa Beth Gibson, Margi Nowak, Eric Orlin, Jac Royce, David Scott, Carrie Washburn, Ivey West

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Bernie Bates.

The minutes of Nov. 22 were approved.

Announcements:

Rosa Beth Gibson reported that she and Beverly Smith will present information about the role of Human Resources in faculty and staff recruitment at the Feb. 13 meeting.

Kris Bartanen reported that Puget Sound Board of Trustees member Carolyn Reid-Wallace has become president of Fisk University and is interested in establishing a student exchange between Puget Sound and Fisk, and that the idea is being pursued. The diversity committee expressed its total support of this effort.

Kris also mentioned a student exchange among Dickinson, Xavier and Spelman.

Kim Bobby reported that Puget Sound will be participating in the South Puget Sound Higher Education Diversity Partnership Faculty Institute presentation on March 1. Michele Birnbaum will be collaborating with faculty from other members schools in a presentation on gender issues. Puget Sound faculty are invited to participate in the workshops during the day-long institute. The registration fee is \$10.

Ivey West announced Disability Awareness Day activities March 6 from 11-2 in the Rotunda.

The chair reviewed tasks for the Diversity Committee from the last semester.

Eric Orlin continue to will work with Admissions on the phone project.

The Diversity Statement has been presented to the Student Senate. The Student Senate moved on to other business with no discussion of the Diversity Statement once it was presented. The Diversity Committee takes that as acceptance by the Student Senate. The Diversity Statement has been distributed to the Staff Senate, but discussion has not yet occurred. Staff Senate response is expected by the next Diversity Committee meeting and, after Staff Senate response, the statement will be put on a future faculty meeting agenda with the statement and cover letter included in the agenda email sent to faculty in advance.

Bernie's Question for the Day: Why does one get the "dribble lid" on the coffee cup at the Diversions Cafe on the day one wears a white sweat shirt?

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

Respectfully Submitted

David Scott

