

Faculty Diversity Committee Minutes
April 7, 1999

Present: M. Birnbaum, E. Campbell, J. Davis, D. Droge, P. Firman, R. Gibson, C. Hommel, J. Kay, C. Washburn, C. Weisz

C. Weisz called the meeting to order at 10:05. The minutes of the meeting held 3/24/99 were approved.

J. Kay announced an event today at 4:15 on Protestant rescuers in the Holocaust. She also described a new proposal for an interdisciplinary overlay requirement presented by Doug Cannon to the Faculty Senate. Issues related to diversity and pluralism might be reflected in courses designed to meet the overlay requirement.

The committee expressed appreciation to Judith Kay for her contributions to working on behalf of students and issues of diversity in her role as Dean. The committee encouraged her to continue involvement in the Faculty Diversity Committee as a faculty member.

The committee also congratulated student member Erin Campbell on her nomination to Mortar Board.

Next, the committee discussed possibilities for students to convey their perspective on the core to the faculty. E. Campbell raised the idea of a panel discussion led by students.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing drafts of sections II, III, and IV of the report on assessing progress toward goals set by the 1990 Committee on Diversity. For the next meeting, M. Birnbaum volunteered to write a cover letter for the report. D. Droge volunteered to write the assessment comments for section III. M. Birnbaum and R. Gibson will continue work on sections I and V. Weisz will draft the end of the year report.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00. The next meeting will be held 4/22 in Library 134.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Weisz