

Diversity Committee Minutes
September 11, 1998

Present: J Way, J Kay, C Weisz, C Washburn, P Firman, C Hommel, G Mills,
D Droge R Gibson, R Gomez, J Dickson, D Rosenberg

Absent: M Birnbaum (excused)

Washburn called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Weisz and Washburn described the duties and past actions of the committee.

Weisz was elected Chair for 1998-99. A system of rotation for taking minutes was introduced, with faculty members assigned to take committee minutes. The rotation schedule is: Sept. 11, Droge; Oct. 9, Hommel; Oct. 23, Weisz; Nov. 6, Birnbaum; Nov. 20, Dickson; Dec. 4, Droge.

Announcements: J Kay announced theme year reception Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. for Black Fire: From Ancestry to Legacy. Committee members agreed to cancel the scheduled Sept. 25 meeting. Gomez announced that a theme year dance would occur on Saturday, Sept. 26. Weisz announced that Philip Zimbardo, social psychologist from Stanford University, would be on campus Nov. 12 and 13 and would be presenting a lecture on "The Psychology of Evil" on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Norton Clapp Theatre.

The committee turned to its charges for the 1997-98 academic year. Dickson and Gomez agreed to work on the committee's presentation to the Budget Task force.

A subcommittee consisting of Droge, Washburn, and Way will confer before the next meeting to develop ideas for formal and informal discussions with faculty regarding the committee's 1997-98 report regarding pluralism in the curriculum. This subcommittee also will consider ideas for informal discussions with students.

Birnbaum will attend the September 14 Faculty Senate meeting to discuss other charges for the committee for the 1998-99 year.

The committee will meet on Friday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m. The agenda will focus on ideas for formal and informal discussions with faculty on pluralism in the curriculum and additional charges for 1998-99.

Respectfully submitted,

David Droge, Secretary pro tem