

**Diversity Committee Minutes
December 4, 1998**

Present: M. Birnbaum, D. Droge, C. Hommel, J. Kay, G. Mills, D. Rosenberg,
C. Washburn, C. Weisz

Weisz called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting will be revised for approval at a later meeting.

The committee spent its time in this meeting considering next steps for involvement in faculty discussions on Core revisions.

A procedure was suggested for bringing the question of diversity in the curriculum before the faculty. It was suggested that the committee prepare a series of questions for faculty consideration in hopes of developing a consensus regarding the need to include diversity as part of a revised Core. After much discussion, two general questions were agreed to:

Is it important to address diversity within the Core Curriculum?

Should diversity within the Core Curriculum focus on international study, diversity within the United States, or both?

Committee members agreed to reflect on the general topic of procedure, the general questions, the need for other questions, and the wisdom of presenting a balanced set of responses to these questions to the faculty.

Weisz stressed the importance of the Committee's adopting a role of active facilitation of the discussion, rather than advocacy for a requirement.

No formal decisions were reached. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Droge, Secretary *pro tem*