

Diversity Committee Minutes
September 15, 1997

Present: Flo Ariessohn, Kevin Barhydt, Peggy Firman, Rosa Beth Gibson, Charles Hommel, Judith Kay, Pat Krueger, Paula Meiers, Carrie Washburn, Carolyn Weisz.

The meeting was convened at 2:02 p.m.

Carrie Washburn started the meeting. The committee members introduced themselves, and CW gave out a portion of the code which defines the membership and duties of the committee, and reminded us that it is a faculty committee, so only faculty members are eligible to be Chair, as well as recorders for the meetings.

Nominations for Chair were taken by paper ballot, and voting conducted the same way. After some discussion, Carolyn Weisz and Martyn Kingston were elected co-chairs for the fall, and Carolyn Weisz and George Guilmet co-chairs for the spring.

Meeting time was confirmed as 2:00 every other Monday, with the next meeting set for September 30.

It was pointed out that the Faculty Senate was meeting today, and would review changes to committees. It was decided to discuss the recommendations from last year when that information was available as well. It was also decided to set subcommittees for this year based on our needs.

The money UPS recently received from the Boeing Co. was brought up. We need to know about the funds earmarked for diversity: Is their use already predetermined, and if not, how can they be accessed? Judith Kay indicated that she will ask on behalf of the committee whether the proposal was made with clear identification of the ultimate use of the funds, and whether they would welcome input from the committee.

Carrie W. announced that the staff member(s) serving on this committee will be on "paid time" as part of their regular job assignment.

JK discussed the theme year for 97-98. The name is "kla-how-ya / fronteras: Celebrating the Cultures of the Americas." An opening reception will be held on Tuesday, September 23, at 6pm in the Rotunda of the WSC. She also mentioned the Hispanic Conference, which will be held at UPS, PLU, and UW Tacoma in October.

A review of items needing continued discussion was suggested, and a handout listing questions was distributed. Due to lack of time (at least 3 fire alarms so far), this was tabled until the next meeting.

It was suggested that we find out the deadline for the Budget Task Force so that we can get on the schedule. We also need to decide if we want to be on the agenda for the discussion of the core this year.

Members were reminded to be thinking of possible subcommittees for discussion next time. We decided that we would reconsider the list in terms of current needs and priorities.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Flo Ariessohn