

**University Enrichment Committee Minutes
March 27, 1998**

Present: Bill Barry, Wayland Cossey, Denise Despres, Doug Edwards, John Finney, Arpad Kadarky, Paul Loeb, Kathy Stewart

1. Minutes of Friday, March 13 approved.
2. Announcements: The minutes of Friday, February 6 report that ASUPS is supporting student research by a contribution of \$2,500 to the Enrichment Committee. John Finney and Wayland Cossey are checking on the status of this contribution.
3. The Enrichment Committee selected the 1999 Register Lecturer, Professor Geoffrey Block. The committee also discussed a variety of methods to promote the Register application process, including invitations, early identification of potential lecturers, and solicitations in years when the applicant pool is small.
4. Release Units: The Committee agreed to announce the availability of two release units for the Fall and Spring of 1998-1999. The application deadline is May 1 and Junior faculty are especially encouraged to apply.

Committee members expressed concern about denial of release units to faculty 1) applying from the same department; 2) preparing for or returning from leave; 3) who are locked into an inflexible teaching load. The Committee agrees that all faculty ought to be encouraged to apply for release units and specifically Junior faculty who are establishing themselves in their respective fields of scholarship.

Bill Barry will represent the Enrichment Committee's concern to Departmental Chairpersons at the next University Meeting of Chairs.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Despres