CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 22, 1997

PRESENT:

Thomas Conway (visitor), C. T. Cummings, Edi Guyton, Gwen Maddock (representing James Scott), Hugo Mendez, Chris Paton, Doug Podoll (guest speaker), Maria Valeri-Gold, William Waugh, Bea Yorker.

ABSENT:

Kathy Brack, Dean Brook, Doris Derby-Banks, Christine Gallant, Bernadette Hartfield, Aaron Jeffers, Jill Littrell, Linda Luckie, Dedan Munajj, Linda Nelson.

The Cultural Diversity Committee convened at 2:10 pm in Room 718 in the General Classroom Building.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Doug Podoll, Director of International Services, gave an overview of the programs, services, and opportunities that are offered to international students enrolled at the university. He stated that the following issues need to be addressed:

1. Graduate students and financing
2. Cost for international students to attend the university
3. Enrollment of international students.

During the question and answer period, Bea Yorker remarked that a university perspective is needed to address the issues. One of the charges of the committee is to address the following questions:

1. What are the institution’s goals for international students?
2. What policies do we want to establish for international students?
3. How are waivers handled?
4. What are we doing to recruit international students?
5. How can we increase recruitment efforts at the university?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dr. Carolyn Keys, member of the Cultural Diversity Committee, has resigned from the university.
*Lin Inlow, former Ombudsperson and member of the Cultural Diversity Committee, is in the College of Law. She is developing workshops and training sessions regarding conflict resolution. An associate or full professor will assume the duties as Ombudsperson temporarily beginning January 1, 1998.
*Dr. Doris Derby-Banks, Director of African American Student Services and Programs, will speak to the committee on Tuesday, November 18, 1997.

OLD BUSINESS

Vida Scarpello, member of the Cultural Diversity Committee, will make a presentation to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Staff Assessment Report regarding the development of a survey.
NEW BUSINESS
An Ad Hoc Committee of the Cultural Diversity Committee (Doris Derby-Banks, Bernadette Hartfield, Jill Littrell, Hugo Mendez, Maria Valeri-Gold) has been formed to review the SACS and NCAA Self-Study documents which address the issues of diversity and equity.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Valeri-Gold
Chair, Cultural Diversity Committee

Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone