CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, May 15, 1997

PRESENT: Rebecca Bennett (representing Doris Derby-Banks), Christine Gallant, Edi Guyton, Bernadette Hartsfield, Jill Littrell, Linda Luckie, Hugo Mendez, Chris Paton, Vida Scarpello, Maria Valeri-Gold, Bea Yorker.


The Cultural Diversity Committee convened at 2:05 p.m. in Room 718 in the General Classroom Building.

MINUTES
Minutes were approved by the committee members.

INTRODUCTIONS
Introductions followed, and members were asked to note any changes regarding e-mail addresses and telephone numbers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Maria Gold stated that the focus of this year's committee will be on the student and issues concerning diversity.

Gold provided members with articles dealing with diversity issues. She gave an overview of the current programs, projects, and resources that are available to students. Gold shared copies of the ACT Student Survey Report from Dr. James Scott, Vice President of Student Life and Enrollment Services.

OLD BUSINESS
Edi Guyton gave an update on the Staff Assessment Report. She stated that Provost Henry requested the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to address the concerns reported in the Staff Assessment Report. Guyton, Chair of the Ad Hoc Staff Assessment, noted that an ad hoc committee has been formed. The Ad Hoc Committee has met and generated questions and concepts for the development of a survey. Guyton and Eirik Anderson (Administrative Specialist from the Office of Administration, Research, and Sponsored Programs) will meet and develop items for the survey. Vida Scarpello, a member of the Cultural Diversity Committee, was invited by Guyton to participate in the development of the survey.

Bea Yorker, Associate Provost, has an update on the Amorous Relationships statement. She explained that the statement will be presented to the Senate at the fall meeting in October. The Amorous Relationships statement will also be placed in the Faculty Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS
There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.
Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone