Cultural Diversity Committee Meeting

Minutes
April 26, 2006
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Present**- Peggy Albers, Julie Ancis, Marva Carter, Doris Derby, Susan Easterbrooks, Paul Ferraro, Elizabeth Firestone, Christine Gallant, MaryAnne Gaunt, June Houston, Olga Jarrett, Linda Nelson, John Peterson, Cora Presley, Hazel Scott, and Leslie Taylor.

**Absent**- Brant Barber, Elisabeth Burgess, Pedro Carillo, Pamela Hackbart-Dean, Mary Finn, Kwame Lawson, Doug Podoll, and Saito Natsu.

The minutes were approved as read.

The election of our 2006-7 chair was held. Christine Gallant nominated Cora Presley. There were no other nominations, and Cora was elected chair unanimously. She then explained that she would be on research leave for Fall 2006, and nominated Christine as Acting Chair for that period of time. Christine was unanimously elected.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the nearly finished draft of the Climate Survey Report and the report’s Executive Summary. Julie was still writing the final sections of the report covering the data analysis, so the committee discussed the rest of the report at length, including its recommendations, and the Executive Summary. Christine said that she would include all suggested changes as well as Julie’s sections in the final draft, that she would then send along with the revised Executive Summary to all committee members electronically for their consideration and vote of approval. Olga Jarrett suggested that she allow one week for the committee members’ replies since it would be near the end of the term; and the committee agreed to this. Christine said that she expected to be able to send the finished copy out by the end of May.

(Note: The final draft was sent to committee members on May 15. By May 22, 16 of the 23 committee members had replied to approve; 3 opened the email but did not reply; 3 did not open the email; and 1 was out of town. Christine sent the final draft of the report to the Provost and Senate Executive Committee on May 23.)

The committee adjourned at 4:30 pm.