

Building Community Committee Meeting Notes for May 11, 2007

Present: Adams, Cordova, Davis, Evans, Gupta, Skaugset

1) Payday Coffee – Arne indicated that leftover supplies from the April Coffee are available at the Forest Engineering Department Office. Tom will pass this information on to Marty, who is the coordinator of the next coffee at the end of this month. From the overwhelming response we got for volunteers to bring goodies, it is clear that this approach can work. We'll see if the enthusiasm is sustainable.

2) Manuela distributed copies of the College DAP survey results. A lot of discussion followed about the results and how they should be interpreted. A subcommittee of three (Caryn, Pat and Arne) volunteered to summarize and interpret the results in terms of the DAP. Does there seem to be general support for the plan as written? Do the survey results suggest that the DAP needs to be altered in any way? Are there major diversity issues in the College that are not addressed in the current plan? Did the survey raise issues that need to be addressed in some way other than identified in the DAP? The subcommittee report is due no later than the end of July. We'll meet as a group after the report is available.

3) Forum on Gender Equity issues – Manuela reported that an informational meeting was held with ~ 8 participants, but the group did not come up with a specific plan for a forum. She is going to call another meeting soon, perhaps with a select, smaller group, including a few individuals from the BCC. The goal of this meeting is to come up with a definite plan on a specific topic and format. We agreed it would be desirable to hold the forum in the Fall 07 term to demonstrate that the College is actually doing something to address diversity issues. A question was raised about whether funding would be available for this event. Tom suggested that we should assume this is the case, at least for modest funding (a few thousand dollars). We need develop a proposal and float it with the FEC.

4) Ice Cream social – Pat reported on planning for the ice cream social scheduled for Friday, June 8 at 3 PM. She feels that she and Janey can handle the arrangements and will seek help from the committee as needed. It was suggested that the FEC not only scoop the ice cream, but provide entertainment by singing barbershop quartet style. This idea died from a lack of musical talent on the FEC.

5) FEC makeup for 2007-08 - As planned, there will be a turnover in BCC membership next year (in place by Fall). We need to start thinking about suitable replacements.