

Building Community Committee Meeting Notes for October 12, 2007

Present: Adams, Davis, Gupta, Johnson, Latta, Needham, Parson, Roberts, Skaugset, Som

This was the first meeting of the BCC in the 2007-08 academic year. There were two planned agenda items: 1) Review comments on the open-ended questionnaire to determine whether additional modifications were necessary in the Diversity Action Plan (DAP), and 2) Discuss planning for a "Gender Issues Forum." In addition, Caryn Davis reminded the group that we need to initiate a webpage for the BCC.

Because both of the planned agenda items were carried over from last year's BCC, this meeting involved members from 2006-07 as well as the new members (see attached). We still have some unfilled slots in the membership which should be discussed at our next meeting.

Open-ended questionnaire and the DAP

Caryn Davis, Pat Cordova and Arne Skaugset prepared a summary document addressing reconciling the DAP with the open-ended questionnaire responses (attached). Arne led a discussion of their findings. They recommended only a few changes in the DAP draft be considered. Based on their report and the discussion, it was decided that the definition of "diversity" needed to be fleshed out more and some minor wording changes were needed in item 6 of the action table. Mark Needham agreed to draft a revision of the diversity definition. Tom Adams volunteered to edit the DAP draft with the modified definition and suggested changes to item 6, and to modify completion dates, as appropriate. The revised draft (attached) is to be circulated among the 2007-08 BCC members for any additional editing and then sent to the FEC for final approval.

Gender issues forum

Marty Roberts and Manuela Huso are co-chairing a committee to develop this forum. Marty gave a report on their progress. Marty and Manuela have involved other women in the College in the discussion and have sought advice elsewhere. Their group has decided that they would rather see a "program" dealing more broadly with developing leadership and negotiation skills, rather than addressing gender issues, per se. The committee encouraged Marty and her group to continue with this tack and report back at our next meeting. This topic sounds like it would be beneficial to all members of the college.

Webpage

Caryn reminded the committee that we agreed to develop a webpage for the BCC. She is going to check on how to move this along and will report back at the next meeting.