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FACULTY SENATE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

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DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2007
TO: Dr. Kerri Morris, Faculty Senate President
FROM: Rob Crosman, Secretary
SUBJECT: Committee Status Report.

The third regular meeting for 2006-07 was held on February 16th, from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M in GHH 105.

Present: Profs. Robert Boeckmann (Chair), Yong Cao, Robert Crosman (secretary), Patricia Fagan Dave Fitzgerald (co-chair), Songho Ha, Natasa Masanovic, Sudarsan Rangarajan. The agenda approved as proposed by Chairman Boeckmann.

I. Informational items:

Marva Watson appointed Interim Director of Diversity and Compliance

Lunch next Friday 23rd with DAC at Cuddy Diningroom at 12 noon.

Ask for help with our projects:

- more involvement by UAA faculty in learning about diversity, and in teaching in a sensitive way to our diverse student population;
- awareness of the problems of international faculty
- Send copies of Arrodondo report to members of our committee
- Bring funding request for NCBI

II. Discussion of NCBI event (April 5,6,7) and proposal to DAC to fund a portion of it:

Encourage fellow faculty-members to attend. Unanimous approval of Diversity Action Council Funding Request for this event. Rob to communicate with Libby about amount of request - \$3275 or \$6550? We'll bring this to DAC attention at Feb. 23rd Lunch.

III. Discussion of strategy to Incorporate Diversity related questions in Student Evaluation of Teaching

E-board not encouraging of our initiatives. Shy away from mandatory evaluations of faculty on parameters of diversity. Want more "positive" approach. Doubt the possibility of measuring faculty sensitivity and interest.