

BFA Diversity Committee

Minutes from 9/9/05

3-4:30pm Dean's Conference Room, Leeds

Present: Bowen, Guberman, Charteris, Kasley, Ahmad, Wei, Chakravarti, Green, Townsley, Hayworth, and Krismann

I. Committee Membership and Structure. Chakravarti reviewed the new structure of the BFA Diversity Committee. He explained that the rationale for combining GLBT, Minority Affairs, and the CMTE on Women was to create symmetry with the Office of Diversity & Equity (directed by Christie Yoshinaga-Itano, Vice Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor). Chakravarti also noted that the BFA would ideally want to limit the total committee membership to 8 persons.

II. Election of Committee Chair. After discussion, the committee decided to elect Nikki Townsley as the Chair, as well as point persons, Steven Guberman for the GLBT subcommittee, Alphonse Kasley for Minority Affairs, and Sally Green for the CMTE on women. The committee thanked Chakravarti for his previous leadership as well as continued commitment to diversity. Thank you again!

III. Agenda Setting. Kasley and Chakravarti reported on a previous meeting where President Brown spoke to diversity. Their insights suggested that the committee needs more information about the current administration's diversity agenda in order to decide what we want our efforts working toward.

IV. Future Meetings. The committee explored possible future meeting times and found 3-4:30pm works best for the majority of members. The next BFA Diversity committee meeting will be November 4th at a location to be announced. Point persons agree to organize subcommittee meetings earlier to discuss and set their annual goals.

V. Action Items. Townsley agreed to contact Carmen Williams, Assistant Vice President for Diversity, about speaking to the committee about the present administration's agenda for diversity. Guberman, Kasley, and Green agreed to meet with subcommittee members to discuss annual goals and agenda.