

UMD Commission on Women
Minutes of December 4, 1991 Meeting

The meeting was held in K355 from 10:00 until noon. The following were present: Virginia Katz, Helen Hanten, Holly Nordquist, Valerie Broughton, Judy Trolander, Sue Mowbray, Margaret Johnson, Janet Pribyl, Teri Williams, and Charlotte MacLeod, chair.

The Commission voted (with 2 votes opposed) to fund \$361.00 in travel expenses for Susan Coultrap-McQuin's presentation at the Midwest MLA Convention in Chicago. She has agreed to make a presentation on campus on "Publishing Strategies and Successes of Ninetenth-century Women Writers: Lessons for Women Today." The Commission notes the need to revise the funding guidelines.

The Commission agreed (at the suggestion of Greg Fox) to invite Dr. Sandra Featherman and Greg Fox to our next meeting, December 18, to discuss retrenchment and reallocation proposals.

A memo was received from the Twin Cities Commission suggesting that Carol Carrier, Associate VP for Academic Affairs, will be available at UMD during this academic year to conduct an informational event for tenure-track women. The UMD Commission expressed interest in having her meet also with P.A. persons in a separate event to address their questions and concerns.

Virginia Katz and Judy Trolander reported on the Fall Commission meeting in Minneapolis. Greg Fox was approached to fund travel to the meeting. He will report back. Trolander proposed that the Commission send an observer to the U. Senate EEOW committee. This will be discussed later when meeting dates are known.

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Trolander is chairing a search committee to identify an individual to serve as an administrative fellow in Dr. Featherman's office for Spring Quarter. The union status of the individual was discussed. It was suggested that the duties of the fellow include only those which would not jeopardize union membership.

Holly Nordquist will investigate current search guidelines in light of the Commission's concern that a woman was not included in the search committee for the CEHSP Associate Dean position.

Margaret Johnson invited Commission members to visit the library and assess the extent to which pornographic graffiti has been carved into the study carrels.

Charlotte MacLeod will meet with Valerie Broughton to prepare a Spectrum Lecture Series proposal to bring Deborah Tannen, author of You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation, to UMD. Broughton will invite Dr. Tannen. MacLeod will investigate the possibility of cooperating with the Twin Cities campuses to bring Anita Hill to UMD. We will also attempt to sponsor Dean Lois Cronholm, Temple University, to speak on "Political Correctness: How to Avoid Hate and Preserve Academic Freedom."