

**UMD Commission Women
Minutes - April 1, 1992 Meeting**

The Commission met in K323, 1:00-3:00. Present were Helen Hanten, Georgia Keeney, Donna Forbes, Gloria Brush, Valerie Broughton, Teri Williams, Holly Nordquist, Sue Mowbray, Janet Pribyl, Eleanor Hoffman (ex officio), Virginia Katz (ex officio), Charlotte MacLeod, chair, and guests Bruce Gildseth, Linda Larson, Allan White, Tracy Litman and Jenny Cohen.

The minutes of the March 18 meeting were approved with corrections.

Vice Chancellor Gildseth had been invited to discuss funding of sexual assault counseling. Funding from the Chancellor for 1990-91 has not been used because of inability to hire a person without promise of future funding. Counselors are over-loaded. The Commission will write a letter to the Chancellor encouraging continued funding after we have received a copy of Gildseth's letter with a similar request.

Larson, White, Litman and Cohen discussed the lack of funding for the Women's Center for the coming year. They asked the Commission to act as a spokesperson in behalf of the Center. No action was taken in view of the Chancellor's perception of the Commission as Rajender petitioners.

It was suggested that the Spring Friends meeting be a Time-Out to discuss the campus climate in view of the threatening letter and retrenchment.

Hoffman reported on the March EEOWC meeting. Agenda items included parental leave and the effects of retrenchment. There is no full disclosure of the effects of retrenchment on personnel. It is expected to have a heavy impact on women. In addition, the stretching of guidelines for interim hires is an issue of concern.

The Commission approved helping to fund the VCAA's Women Poets series up to \$500.

The replacement of a civil service Commission member with an AFSCMA representative was discussed.

Broughton has found that Deborah Tannen will not come to campus for less than \$20,000. It is unlikely that we will be able to host her during 1992-93, even with additional funding that Broughton has been able to raise.