

Community & Diversity Report
April 23, 1999

I. Committee Members: Gerald Horne, John Stephens, Melissa Exum, Sue Kitchen, Svein Toverud, Beththany Hedt, Claire Miller, Adam Versenyi.

II. The Committee met approximately once per month this semester after getting started belatedly this academic year.

III. Our charge is to monitor and make recommendations concerning the overall campus climate as it pertains to questions of diversity and discrimination.

IV. We investigated, *inter alia*, matters pertaining to sexual orientation and began to formulate recommendations to that end. Concern was expressed that the course requirement for diversity has been weakened to an extent in that so many courses have been listed as fulfilling such; this will be addressed more concretely next semester.

V. This fall we will be holding a series of conferences on questions of diversity, with the first concerning race. These conferences will mean that our recommendations will be emerging from a base that is broader than that of our committee.