

## **S.E.P.C.**

### ***Minutes for September 16, 1993***

Present: Rosie Schaap (Chair), Jenny Zeuli (secretary), Mikel Wadewitz, Brian Dunn, Amy Huff, Rebecca Stubbs, Jay Metz, Mary Springer, Tina Gross, Hedda Sjogren, Matt Connors, Andromache Chalfant, Ian Jellinek

Meeting called to order at 5:45

#### **MEETING TIMES:**

Rosie requests a copy of everyone's schedule. The 5:30 meeting time is clearly impractical, as is its location in the New Dining Room. If you have not already done so, please notify, in writing, either Rosie or myself, your loyal secretary, as to which times are good for you. You should do this **as soon as possible**, in order to be sure that we can consider your schedule when setting a permanent meeting time.

#### **ORIENTATION:**

How did people think it went? Feelings about SEPC's role in orientation were generally positive. It was thought that the SEPC forum in VAPA, where new students were able to speak to representatives from each division, was more effective than it has been in previous years, when each division has occupied a different house living room. Amy and Jay reported that the nature walk (to North B., I think...) went really well. A suggestion was made that, in the future, SEPC reps be invited to the pizza dinners held in each house on the first night of orientation.

#### **PROSPECTIVE WEEKEND:**

The first of two will take place on Sunday, October 10 (it overlaps with Parent's weekend--I predict chaos in the dining halls). Anyway, there will be a panel for the prospectives that Monday at 2 PM--I am unclear as to whether it involves student life in general, or just academics, but if there are any reps who are interested in being on it, speak to Terry Creach in Student Life.

#### **FACULTY REVIEWS:**

All we know at this point is that there are thirteen faculty members up for review this term. More news as it develops.

#### **SYMPOSIUM:**

Unfortunately, we don't know too much more about the Symposium--i.e. what form it will take, and how--than we do about faculty reviews. Rosie would like a statement from the committee regarding academic policy, and asks that everyone bring a copy of John Barr's letter to the next meeting, wherever and whenever it may be, so that we can discuss the issue in more detail. There will be extra copies available if you've lost yours.

#### **NEWS FROM DIVISIONS:**

Visual Arts reports a vast shortage of **studio space**, partially as a result of higher graduate enrollment, and partially because of the space



appropriated by the Residential Life Committee. There is a possibility that new studios can be built over the ceramics studio--the division is meeting with Residential Life to discuss this further.

Hedda Sjogren is resigning her position as representative of the **Drama Division**. There will be **elections for a new rep** in Drama Workshop on **Monday, September 20 at 4:30**. If you're taking classes in that division, you should go and vote.

**Social Sciences** reports that **Mike Rock**, who taught economics, has resigned. It is not yet certain how his position will be filled; there has been some discussion of the possibility of giving it to **Catherine Howard** as of next term, but nothing has been decided yet. Also, the division has begun the search for a professor of psychology as well as for a professor of American history and economics. All are invited to participate--see Brian Dunn for more information.

The **Science Division** reports some controversy over the **Computer Center** in Dickenson. It's confusing, but basically, this is the deal: Neil Rappaport has always been in charge of the Writing Center, and has used his CWS funds to staff both that and the larger computer room, which, as it turns out, is actually Science Division property. The Science Division has decided that the aforementioned arrangement is no longer satisfactory, so only the Writing Center will be open until the intricacies of budgets and staffing can be ironed out. Amy and Jay will bring the matter up at the next division meeting. Also, there is a party for science students on Wednesday from 3 - 5. See Amy or Jay for information.

The **Dance Division** reports a number of new grad students, among them, Cathy Caracer (I hope I spelled that right, but I probably didn't), who is responsible for the "Mind, Body, Spirit" workshops which have been advertised around campus. This prompted the **SEPC Quote of the Week**:

"If my, like, mind, body, and spirit were in good condition, I'd never get anything done."

--Rosie

And speaking of grad students, Rosie encourages any who are interested to attend SEPC meetings.

So don't forget to get us a copy of your schedule, and remember, if you need supplies (poster board, markers, etc.) see me, your loyal secretary.

Meeting adjourned at around 6:45.