

**SEPC Meeting
March 27, 1996**

Members Present: James Simon, Social Science; Willa Carroll, Dance; Ellen Whitman, Literature; Rebekah Pym, Music; Michelle Dorvillier, Music; Katie Young, Visual Arts; Adel Peterdi, Visual Arts; Jason Fridley, Sciences

Meeting called to order at 6:17

General Business

SEPC confirmed appointment of Adel and Katie as interim Visual Arts reps for the remainder of the Spring term.

Galleys on SEPC and Note to class reps were approved by the committee.

Thoughts on Expanding SEPC's image

James: How do you think an SEPC update in commons would work to help expand knowledge about SEPC among students?

Willa: How about our including our statement? Also, we should include more on the importance of SEPC in our galley to the community.

Campus Life

James: Should SEPC consider calling a Community meeting to discuss issues of personal respect and civil behavior in light of recent events on campus?

Katie: It's a private issue for those involved in the occurrence.

James: I think we need to try to get down to the issues underlying the occurrence.

Michelle: We need to talk about our community and how it works.

Willa: It's time for reflection on our community.

Katie: We need to talk about the bad vibes on campus recently.

Michelle: My only issue is that there are times that community meetings can become less than helpful.

James: The faculty recently tried a new format for one of their meetings which might fit our needs, having the first half of the meeting set aside for group discussion, and the second half for small group discussions. Could this work?

Katie: Yes, but Tishman is a bad location for it because of the different levels.

Willa: Martha Hill, could work well.

Jason: Commons Lawn would work if the weather agrees.

Michelle: I have bad memories about past meetings. We need to set out knowing what we want this meeting to do. We need a strong mediator.

Willa: I am not sure if we need a student body meeting or a community meeting. I feel we are lacking a sense of unity in the student body.

Katie: I was imagining a student meeting

Michelle: The only downside to a student body meeting is that it alienates some parts of the community and could slip into a gripe session, going nowhere.

Willa: We need to address feelings that students have no ownership in events, feelings of apathy. Our focus can be drawing up a statement of issues with solutions.

Katie: It needs to be in written form. How do we convince people is important enough to attend? Need to try to overcome apathy, how can we do it?

James: This needs to be a grass roots effort with House Chair's and other student groups solidly behind us.

Katie: Using SEPC as a sponsor would give the meeting a more solid appearance.

Bekah: Could we do it during coffee hour?

Ellen: I don't want us to impede on HC's time.

Katie: Its also late.

Michelle: I want to describe my ideal structure: All students are invited, we make individual efforts to assure good attendance, and have a sense of a round table with a mediator with issues to discuss as a group in the first hour. For the 2nd we break into groups with a list of issues and each group designates a speaker to record ideas and present ideas to the entire body. The have people from the student meeting come to present a proposal to the community council/administration, etc., to continue thought processes.

Adel: A group of four students, myself included has been trying to work on projects in mediation with Susan Sgorbati. Maybe the four students could help: Genevieve Ellick, Tya Shiner, Adel, and Carrie Cross.

James: We can use Willa's statement on the issues at hand for a galley to announce meeting.

For Next Week:

Willa: For next week, let's look at issues to discuss at the meeting.

JS: Will have end of term things ready for next week. As well as a draft of this galley. Also can Katie be a liaison to House Chairs as she sits on both SEPC and HC's

Katie: I will be liaison to HC's, and communicate that the proposed student meeting needs to be a relaxed, organized and grass roots efforts with House Chair involvement.

James: Adel will be a liaison to Mediation committee. I Will have a memo on the new evaluations policy out by the end of the week, I am meeting with the President to discuss it on Thursday.