Minutes of the Meeting of October 27, 1998

PRESENT: Professors McGowan, Megginson, Smith, Schmerl, and Wang; Mr. Ransom; Mr. Jones.

1. The minutes of the meeting of October 13, 1998, were approved with no emendations.

2. In response to the announcement that no regular SACUA liaison is to be assigned to the Committee this year, Professor Smith proposed, and the rest of the Committee agreed, that Schmerl should write a note to Professor Ensminger protesting such a lack, inasmuch as it suggests that the Committee's concerns are not among SACUA's top priorities. Schmerl said he would do so.

3. Professor Smith announced that Professor Billy Joe Evans of the Department of Chemistry has been selected to receive a Presidential Award for Excellence as an educator. He also announced that William Bowen, the former president of Princeton University and co-author, with Derek Bok, of a recent study of affirmative action in college admissions, demonstrating its beneficial effects, will speak on that topic on November 12 in Room 1800 of the Chemistry Building at 4:00 p.m. [NOTE: Prof. Smith reminded the Committee of the date, time, and location of the lecture, as well as of the title of the book by Bok and Bowen, on e-mail on October 28.)

4. The following persons agreed to participate in interviewing members of the Executive Committees of the indicated units in relation to recruitment and retention of members of minority groups on the faculty and staff: Prof. McGowan, Dentistry and Public Health; Prof. Megginson, LS&A; Prof. Smith, Medical School and Kinesiology; Prof. Schmerl, Education and Engineering; Prof. Wang, Engineering; Mr. Ransom, the Library and ITD.

In relation to item 3.c on the Agenda, "Members plans to collect information pertinent to recruitment and retention strategies," Mr. Ransom mentioned some directories which he said he'd look up and describe to the Committee on e-mail. [NOTE: Mr. Ransom distributed the information via e-mail on October 28.]
In response to a request for suggestions about whom to invite to the Committee's meetings as guest for short presentations or informal discussions, the following names were proposed: Betty Bell, Department of English; Patricia Coleman Burns, School of Nursing; Nick Collins, LS&A; Steven Goldstein, Medical School; Eunice Royster-Harper, Office of Student Affairs; Derek Scott, College of Engineering; and Stephen Sumida, Department of English. Schmerl said that he would initiate inquiries.

5. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting of November 10, 1998

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of October 27, with emendations, if any.

2. Announcements.

(a) Response from Prof. Ensminger.

(b) Response from Prof. Peterson.

(c) NSF Award to Graduate School for recruitment of African-, Hispanic-, and Native-American graduate students to study mathematics, engineering, and the sciences.

(d) Other announcements.


4. Adjournment.