

UNIVERSITY SENATE ANTI-DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES COMMITTEE

Minutes for April 18, 2005 meeting
Submitted by Kathleen Blee, Secretary

In attendance:

Tom Buchele, Chair
Kathleen Blee, Secretary
Emilia Lombardi
Barbara McCloskey
William Savage
Vijai Singh
Elwin Cotman, visitor, from Workers' Rights Consortium
Lindsay Dierkes, visitor, from Workers' Rights Consortium

Minutes:

Minutes from March 21, 2005 were approved

Old Business:

Domestic Partner Health Benefits:

The subcommittee on eligibility criteria for domestic partner health benefits is drafting a report which will be distributed to the committee in early May for discussion at the May meeting.

Workers' Rights Consortium

Elwin Cotman and Lindsay Dierkes, representing the campus group advocating that Pitt join the WRC, reported that there was not a written record of their meeting with Vice Chancellor Jerome Cochran but that he told them that Pitt is satisfied with its involvement in the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and does not want to also join the WRC. The student group is interested in pursuing this issue further, perhaps through resolutions of the students or faculty.

A subcommittee of our committee consisting of Tom, Barbara, and Kathy will work to find a list of universities comparable to Pitt that are in the WRC, investigate how the WRC spends its funds, and what specific problems occur with the FLA, and schedule a meeting with Vice Chancellor Cochran to discuss these issues. The subcommittee will report at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 16, 8:30, 5047 Forbes Tower