

Human Rights Committee
February 1, 2010
Minutes

Members Present: Patty Csernai, Robert Newby, Elizabeth Husbands, Laura Gonzales, Carol Richardson, Jeannie Jackson, Sue Poindexter, William Calhoun, Shirley Decker

Members Absent: Lori Flynn Tyree, Kira Grey,

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Corrections to minutes: Approved with corrections motioned by Laura Gonzales. Seconded by Robert Newby. Carried unanimously.

2. Public Comment

- Resignation of Will Calhoun due to personal and financial reasons.

3. Diversity Coordinator Status

- Meeting with Timothy Dolehanty who is supportive of up to two interns to pay tuition of students for that course.
- Next steps advertise internship
- Finalize job description
- Student to report to HRC

4. Presentation – Mary Senter, CMU Climate Study Group

- Series of research studies conducted at CMU
- Three years of study
- Perceptions are real. People act on their perceptions
- Some people perceive tension in the community
- People of color have more negative experience in the community
- Study will be repeated 3/15/2010 of student perceptions of community
- A request was made by Patti to have data related to GLBT student provided by committee

5. Old Business

- Group picture taken by Robert Newby

6. New Business – Laura Gonzales

- CMU training free to community on webpage
- Safe zone
- GLTB issues

7. Roundtable

- Patti Csernai – Goals: only received one response. Motion by Carole Richardson to continue current goals. Seconded by Laura Gonzales
- Carole Richardson – will follow up the webpage updates and identify new contact as well as any new incident report forms.

Next meeting is March 1, 2010 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.