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Hope you had a relaxing vacation, but sorry you couldn't make the
work. Here is a summary of the business portion of the meeting.

Minutes of May 5 meeting were read and approved AS AMENDED (See
separate E-mail to you for details).

2. Attendees: Bill Bartels, Wally Slamp, Brie Taylor, Marie Rudd, Grete
Cohen, Rose Pequeros, Andrew Winters, Jeannie Powell, Mathilda Hills,
Cuddy, Al Lott, Mary Cappello, Dana Shugar.

3. Review of Statement of Purpose -- After much discussion, the committee
decided on the following revised statement of purpose as the final version
(at least for now!):

"The committee is comprised of students, staff and faculty of all
sexual orientations. We are united in our endeavor to eliminate oppression,
harassment, and discrimination directed toward gay men, lesbians, and
bisexuals at the University and in our society. We are engaged, through
education and advocacy, in an endeavor to ensure that the University lives
up to its own anti-discrimination policy which states:

The University of Rhode Island prohibits discrimination on the
basis of race, age, sex, color, creed, national origin, handicap, sexual
orientation (gender), and discrimination against disabled and
visually impaired in the recruitment, admission, or treatment of students;
the recruitment, hiring, or treatment of faculty and staff; and the operation
of its activities and programs.

Through the sponsorship of programs that encourage openness, understanding,
and discussion, we wish to create an atmosphere that respects the dignity
and worth of every individual. The committee wishes to continue to advocate for the
right of everyone to lead a life free of fear and harassment. All are
welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings of the committee.

For more information, contact Bill Bartels at 792-4784 or Mary
Cappello at 792-5951.

4. Jeannie announced a conference on the Prevention of Heterosexism and
Homophobia to be held in Burlington, VT June 14-17. Contact her for more
information.

5. Grete gave a financial report. The committee currently has a balance of
$13,518, but this does not yet include the $71,100 that SEC is contributing
for the Symposium expenses. Grete has taken steps to ensure that these
funds will be transferred to our account. This should happen soon.

6. The committee agreed that Bill would continue as chair of H&H for the
upcoming year.

7. The committee recommended that we start planning for OUTFILMS for the
upcoming year.

8. Copies of the video tapes of the Symposium are now available for check
out from the library. Mary Cappello will keep the originals until we have
decided on a permanent location.

9. Planning for Symposium '96:

-- Mary agreed to contact Barbara Smith to check on availability and costs
for a keynote speaker for next year's Symposium.

-- Gary (through E-mail to Bill), Wally, and Jeannie agreed to get the
sub-committee planning process started over the summer. Gary has indicated
a willingness to be co-chair, Wally said he might also be able to co-chair
-- Such arrangements to be finalized by the sub-committee once it begins
meeting. They will also contact others who have expressed an interest in
being on the sub-committee to see if they are available over the summer.
Their initial efforts should focus on the issue of lining up a keynote
speaker.

-- There was much discussion of whether and to what extent there should be
a predominant theme for next year's Symposium, e.g. Racism and H&H Clf
Barbara Smith is the keynote). The consensus was that there could/should
be a theme, but that there should still be plenty of room for a broad range of
contributions as well. Perhaps the keynote would set the theme, which
could be further developed by a follow-up panel on the same subject
the next day. Also, in the call for papers emphasis could be placed on
contributions related to the theme, though submissions on other topics
would still be welcome.

-- The committee also clarified that the Symposium subcommittee had wide
latitude in preliminary planning and making proposals, but that, as was
done this year, the full H&H committee would have final say on Symposium
plans.

10. Our next meeting will probably not be until September unless the
Symposium Committee comes up with business we need to address before
then. If that should happen, they will contact Bill who will call a meeting
of the committee.