H&H Committee Interest Responses

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Bill-- Here's my survey. Please feel free to respond to my answers.

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In a message dated 97-10-07 13:33:10 EDT, you write:

<< 1. Are you still interested in being an active member of the committee?  
   Yes_ X_ _ No_ _ _ _ _

2. Why? (or why not?)

I think it is a very important committee. The educational components are crucial to the URI community.

3. If you are still interested, but haven't been attending lately, could you tell us why not?

Honestly-- I graduated and no longer live in the area. I wish I could come to more meetings but it is often difficult for me to leave work (in Cranston) to come down.

4. If scheduling is the major problem, please list days and times you COULD make meetings. noon time is good, but I just can't always leave work.

5. How effective do you think the H&H committee has been in working toward its goals? the symposium has been very successful and has been an effective community-building and educational tool.
   In the 4 years that I have been active on the committee, I have noticed that we move extremely slow on Olli projects. So, I think our effectiveness fluctuates.

6. Any other comments? I think we need to discuss what our goals are. We need more ideas, more programs, or even some PR of some sort. There are very few students on the committee, which may cause some students to stay away from the committee. Maybe some recruitment of new members (students, staff, and faculty) would be helpful. I feel like the committee is stuck, if it is going to last, we need to DO something. Maybe pick one issue a year to organize around. I think the committee and our members are wonderful and resourceful, so it would be a shame if it became defunct.

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Bill, in response to your query; Yes I am still interested in being a member of H&H. When you were meeting on Friday I was unable to attend and now I am in the last few months (I hope) of finishing a book. My editor is very adamant about it being finished and in her hands by January so I have basically stopped having a life - this has been a three year project but this is crunch time. I'm sorry to have only been a passive member these last couple of years and to plan to get back in next semester (though I will still be completing tasks for publication till about March.
Hi Bill: Sorry I'm one of those long lost persons who has not been involved with the H & H this year. It is not due to lack of need to participate but due to the fact I work at Pell Marine Science Library now and my hours are really not conducive to being involved at main campus.

I would like to comment to the committee at this time. Through the years we have struggled with some terrific students, staff and faculty making our fight on campus one which is now recognized. Energy shifts, people come and go, but the need to keep H&H alive is essential. Could the immense planning and leadership of our annual symposium intimidate our membership because of its demands? Something I feel should be discussed.

I miss you all and am very sorry for not being on this committee.

Marie Rudd
Bill-sorry I didn't do this sooner, I was out sick most of last week..... Carla

At 01:35 PM 10/7/97 -0500, you wrote:
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> future and the focus of the H&H committee. To do this effectively we need
> honest information from as many of you as possible. Please respond (by
> e-mail, phone, or snail mail -- anonymously if you wish) to this
> questionnaire ASAP (preferably by Oct. 16). My e-mail address is
> wjb@uriacc.uri.edu, my phone # is 874-4784, my campus mailing address is
> Bill Bartels, Protestant Chaplain's Office, Roosevelt Hall. Thanks.
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> 1. Are you still interested in being an active member of the committee?
>   Yes_xx__  No______
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> 2. Why? (or why not?)

I feel like the committee is almost 'family'. I am really fond of many of
the other members of the committee and really believe in its goals. I must
admit that since I am personally in the process of going through recovery
from some heavy abuse issues from my late teens and early 20s and since I am
restructuring my time by cutting back radically on my overcommitments, I
have to question whether I am any good to the committee -- moral support.
Also because I am still something of a fence sitter on my own sexuality, I'm
not always 100% certain I (a) belong (b) [again] can contribute much. I
kind of feel at the moment that I need the committee more than it needs me <??>

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> 3. If you are still interested, but haven't been attending lately, could
> you tell us why not?

Whoops -- consider the answer to #2 a run-on into # 3. Also, one time this
semester I have had a conflicting meeting I had to go to, one time I was sick.

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> 4. If scheduling is the major problem, please list days and times you COULD
> make meetings.

Scheduling isn't -- this semester I can make most lunchtime meetings except
when I have PDLOT seminars or other meetings (not often). I do know some
faculty are not coming in on Mondays, however...

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> 5. How effective do you think the H&H committee has been in working toward
> its goals?
Carla Pickering, 10/15/97 9:52 AM, Re: Urgent H&H Request

Not as much in the last year or so -- but then, everything plateaus and goes on. There has been so much effort going into the symposium that some of the more 'day to day' things, like Outfllicks, have taken a back seat.

Now -- the Symposium *IS* in and of itself a big thing -- but I suspect that people who are not directly involved in planning/working on it, or who do not feel qualified to be involved (some of the staff members of H & H).... would feel a tad less necessary.

>6. Any other comments?

Somebody who shall remain nameless said last year that meetings used to be more fun... be that as it may, I think that more social things (must have opening/closing potlucks???).... bringing articles and items to meetings that people have spotted (our own little sharing time -- poking fun at self here), conversation, anecdotes --time for chat. The one thing I have noticed was that the experience of coming to meetings *in and of itself* used to me more nurturing because there was at least a little time for talking, sharing, free ranging ideas.... Just my 2 cents. As I began, I hesitate to offer input since I am unable to do much except moral support this year.....

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I "There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."
Date: Wed, 08 Oct 97 20:33:02 EDT
From: Gary <GARYB@URIACC.URI.EDU>
Subject: Urgent H&H Request (fwd)
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Bill, here is my response. Gary

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1. Are you still interested in being an active member of the committee?
   Yes__X**  No_____

2. Why? (or why not?) I am interested, as long as there is a focus and people
   willing to put the time and effort into the objectives of the committee.

3. If you are still interested, but haven't been attending lately, could
   you tell us why not?
   I have been attending

4. If scheduling is the major problem, please list days and times you COULD
   make meetings. I am available most days over the noon hour except Wednesdays

5. How effective do you think the H&H committee has been in working toward
   its goals? I am not certain that the committee is really effective any more.
   It could be because the original objectives are out of date, or people are just
   too busy to participate. However, even if they are too busy to participate,
then that tells me that the reason for existence of the committee must be questioned.

6. Any other comments?

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