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H&H MINUTES 1 December 1997

In attendance: Marina Agrapetov, Lois Cuddy, Bill Bartels, Adria Evans (appointed secretary for meeting), Laurie Johnson. Gary Burkholder dropped in with flyer for Social.

Next meeting will occur during Spring '98 semester: Bill to notify all with date.

Announcements: Coffee House, Dec 4, for World Aids Day.
H&H Social at University Club, 4:00-5:30 pm

Bill will use his email list to get announcement of H&H social to GLBTA & POWER. Bill to ask Gary to send URISCC a flyer.

Laurie gave out more detailed info in Aids Awareness Week, including the Aids Benefil Dance on Friday, Dec. 5.

DISCUSSION: Domestic Partner Benefits.

What's happening with AAUP Domestic Partner Benefits? Lois to get info from AAUP. Apparently AAUP members had presented this to State negotiating team, but it was taken right off the table & not even discussed in the negotiating team presentation to the faculty. [Is this correct?]

There is some precedent in the state for nonspouses to be covered by benefits. An example shared was that of an exhusband who still has insurance through exwife's coverage.

Bill thinks that same sex marriage is a better strategy than domestic partner benefits. Laurie wonders if common law marriage statutes (for heterosexuals) could be useful for same sex couples.

Other issues:

1-2 years ago, there was a State government commission gathering the experiences of gays & lesbians in high school. That report could be used to get some kind of nondiscrimination due to one's sexual orientation statute for high school students.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.