

April 14, 1994. Meeting of the Council of Learning in Retirement.  
Present: Dolloff, Dunn, Goodwin, Kaufman, Keating, Keppler, Lieson,  
Navon, Quint, Reid, Southworth, Unger, Wisneski,  
Stabell, exofficio.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Anne Keppler announced that the Five College office has arranged for new account numbers for the summer and the January programs. Anne noted that the Task Force on Finances had discussed the problem of deciding whether certain events should be listed in the Special Events account or as part of the accounts for summer and January programs. Anne said that it is helpful to have the distinctions clear in order to determine how much various programs cost. The Task Force on Finance suggested that distinctions be based on the amount of traveling involved, ie those events for which considerable traveling would be necessary should be classified as "Special Events". It was agreed that this is a matter which the Long Range Planning Task Force should resolve.

Priscilla Dolloff reported on the Membership Committee's strategy to increase diversity in our membership. Individual members of the committee will contact various organizations such as Casa Latino and Hope Church. The committee will make efforts to enlist new members through the alumni organizations of the five colleges and to make our program known through newspapers and alumni magazines. Several members of the Council had suggestions for strategies which will be noted by the Membership Committee.

David Navon reported for the Curriculum Committee. The committee had discussed the use of Xerox material and had concluded that each seminar should be restricted to the xeroxing of 200 pages per semester. The Council felt that a more workable rule would be to place a limit on money spent for xeroxing and voted that each seminar be limited to an expenditure of \$15.00 per semester.

In other Curriculum Committee business, David announced that Barry Keating's program on musical comedy will be shown on April 21st on ACTV and later on in Northampton. In May, Priscilla Dolloff's program on jazz will be shown. David read the list of proposals for the fall and for the spring. At present, there are 16 seminars under consideration for the fall.

In response to a request from the Council, David Navon demonstrated a tape machine, described by Bill Lieson as a "sophisticated boom box", which can be used as a PA system and a player for tapes and CD's. The Council agreed that it would be useful to the organization and voted to buy it.

Bill Lieson had to leave the meeting and Eleanor Reid acted as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Harley Unger reported on plans for the summer program. His committee and the Special Events Committee have cooperated on scheduling so that there will be no conflict between events offered by the two committees. Harley suggested that the summer program offers a good opportunity for recruiting new members. In this connection, Jean Stabell described an ad which she had seen

for a LIR program (Duke University ?) in a local paper similar to the Advocate. After some discussion, a motion was made and voted authorizing the Publicity Committee to insert an ad in five area newspapers of a size sufficient to attract attention and giving information about the summer program and special events programs. Harley gave a list of the events which have been proposed for the summer and said that a complete schedule will be available to the membership at the May meeting.

Jackie Wisneski announced that the newsletter will come out at the end of May with a deadline for material on May 20th.

Barbara Southworth announced that the Annual Meeting and pot luck lunch will be on Tuesday, May 10th at the Field House. At that meeting, the Nominating Committee will present its slate for the election of new officers and new council members. Nominations may be made from the floor. Ballots will be sent to the membership as soon as nominations are completed.

At the end of the meeting, the Council participated in a general discussion of the work of the various Task Forces in Long Range Planning. Eleanore Reid stated that it is her feeling that the various forces have come in with conservative reports by and large concluding that things are running pretty well. It is her feeling that the groups need to keep meeting and to look more toward the future rather than the past. In a discussion about seminars and the evaluation of seminars, Nicole Dunn suggested that each seminar should be looked at from three points of view; the curriculum, the moderator, and the participants. Anne Keppler suggested that the evaluation sheets given to members of each seminar are too long. The Council agreed that the Curriculum Committee should look into the procedure for evaluating seminars.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Ellen Goodwin, Secretary.