

Steering Committee meeting with the Provost  
Nov 14, 1996 3:30 PM

Present: Nancy Barrett, Amy Ward, Margaret Garner, Joe Benson, Wythe Holt, Bob Sigler, Bob Halli, Bob Brooks, Rona Donahoe, Betty Bryce, Lee Pike, Don DeSmet, Ray White, Scott Bridges, Nick Stinnett, MB

Issues:

#### Hiring Practices

- attempting to simplify procedures.. originally applied to staff, but some have suggesting it might apply to faculty too, since it is also cumbersome
- really doesn't change the work of search committees, since their job is to generate lists of candidates.
- Barrett hopes this doesn't get codified: If someone can figure out a way to skip the steps,,, great!
- Barrett is more concerned that we have better RESULTS w/RT equal opportunity, not so much worry about the PROCESS.

#### Calendar issues (Bob Halli & Randy Dahl)

Impasse with Randy Dahl's recommendation vs. the Senate's  
Barrett has decided to change the beginning of this Spring term on Thursday rather than on Wednesday.  
What is the nature of the impasse? Barrett put out a memo recommending the Senate approach to the calendar changes, Dahl is opposed the changing the Interim term and Summer Term. Barrett wants to have a task force look at the whole philosophy/approach to the Summer Session. (ALL the aspects...) Summer of 97 -- Barrett doesn't want us to feel that our recommendation was ignored... It was all looked at very carefully. Problem of lots of published information with old start date... Surely the folks in charge must be aware of the school's start dates!!  
Goal: to move up next year's dates, to fix it by the Spring of 98!

#### Computer Plan:

Has been a presentation by PeopleSoft, one coming up by SCT, there will be a questionnaire (also IBM SP2)  
Barrett: Result of joint meeting:

- Look at PC based solutions
- Move as many academic users off the mainframe as possible.
- IT committee will try to move all academic users off, and find out who can't...

Ray: asking for feedback --  
Barrett: We did bring some things to closure

- identify & move off all the academic users...

Ray is very concerned that Seebeck won't TRY the shopping until the Senate pushed them. Feels that Seebeck has already made their mind up and isn't interested in considering the alternatives.

- Barrett: We have called several universities: PeopleSoft seems quite stable, once you get it up, and change your procedures.

