

Panel on Theological Education
October 23-24, 2006
Minutes

Present: Barbara Merritt, Chair; David Pettee, Exec. Secretary; Marvin Ellison, Bill Sinkford, Douglas Gallagher, Rosemary Bray McNatt, Tamara Payne-Alex, Beth Miller, Leslie Staples

Minutes: Approved as written (Unanimous) Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

(Executive Session) The Panel defined what the work and purpose of the committee is. The committee is meant to make space for the conversation about how we theologically educate and inform our professionals. The Panel also spoke about which topics around theological education are difficult to express. The Panel discussed what was necessary in order to increase accountability with all schools receiving funds.

The Panel met with Meadville Lombard President Lee Barker
The Panel met with Starr King School acting President Dave Sammons.
The Panel met with Harvard Divinity School Dean Dudley Rose: Mr. Rose brought along Robert Deitrich, Associate Dean for Development and External Relations, and Mark Edwards, Associate Dean for Academic Administration. Dr. Rose explained that the Emerson Chair at Harvard Divinity School should have a candidate by fall of 2007.

Debriefing

The Panel spoke about different systems of funding and the percentage of the funds to be spent at the schools and for lay theological education.

October 24:

Preparation for Shelter Rock visit

Financial Report

FY 2007

Total Available: \$649,926

Internship Clearinghouse: \$20,000: David Pettee made a request for additional funds to cover costs related to prorated benefits as the position is now half-time.

ANTS: \$9,000

UUA Renaissance Program: \$10,000

UU Scholars: \$50,000

School conversation: \$23,000 (this money is being spent for lay theological process)

Panel expenses: \$7,295

M/L: \$250,000

SKSM: \$250,000

HDS: \$30,000

Gift certificate to Rev. Dr. Carl Scovel: \$100.00

Motion made to accept change of benefits for the internship clearinghouse coordinator and to offer an honorarium to Rev. Dr. Carl Scovel for \$100.00 Approved (Unanimous)

UU Scholar's Panel Update

Motion to create a sub-committee comprised of Marvin Ellison, Virginia Jarocho-Ernst and Rosemary Bray McNatt.

Approved (Unanimous)

- American Academy of Religion requests a meeting to be sponsored by SKSM, ML, Beacon, and the UUA. It would require a budget of about \$1,500 to \$2,000 annually. Marvin Ellison will respond to Dan McKanan about the American Academy of Religion and will meet with them.
- David Pettee will reserve space at GA for workshop on lay theological education.

Report to the Panel on Theological Education from David Pettee Ministry Development Council (MDC) A vote will be taken in late September whether or not the MDC should formally dissolve.

Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression and Multiculturalism David Pettee no longer convenes the Diversity of Ministry Team (DOMT) which now meets on a quarterly basis, with representatives from Identity Based Ministry (IDBM), the UUMA, DRUUMM, MPL, LUUNA and Bill Sinkford. Sofia Craethnenn from IDBM now convenes this group and our new work surrounds the support of an initiative from the DRUUMM Seminarian Group to institutionalize a coordinating function to make sure aspirants and candidates of color/from historically marginalized communities have more effective ways to be in relationship with each other, ministers and the UUA, develop mentoring opportunities, and work toward a setting up a conference of aspirants, candidates and clergy.

Internship Clearinghouse Update

As of October 2006, 63 internships are taking place this year, 19 of them part-time. Seven are in community internships; the rest are in congregational settings. During General Assembly, Kim Wilson, Internship Clearinghouse Coordinator, met with prospective interns, supervisors and intern committee members, and organized an opportunity for interns to get together and meet with one another. Kim Wilson has also been working with Ralph Mero 1) to issue a statement regarding interns and tax treatment and 2) by analyzing the stipends and benefits being paid to this year's interns. Kim Wilson was also successful in securing a St. Lawrence Grant in response to her application for funds to support community internships.