Sexual Harassment and Gender Bias Prevention Subcommittee
Minutes
November 28, 2005 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Present:
Camille Hoffman, ESL non-credit, Committee Chairperson, Paula Cahill, Nurse Practitioner, Student Health Services, Linda Jackson, Affirmative Action Administrator, Ronald Lee, General Counseling Administration, Winnie Leong, Foreign Languages, Mehjabeen Khan, Associated Students, Ronnie Owens, Continuing Students Counseling Department, Robin Roth, Health Education and Community Instructor, Jessica Sabolboro, Behavioral Sciences Instructor, Elisa Shore, ESL instructor non-credit, Leslie Simon, Women’s Studies Department, Darren Villegas, CCSF student, VP of Cultural Affairs, Associated Students, Joan Vitorelo, International Student Counseling,

Meeting called to order by Camille Hoffman, Chairperson.

Past meeting minutes from September 26, 2005 meeting distributed.

Camille presented idea of planning for a reflective teaching style of presentation for a future spring workshop on sexual harassment. Reflective teaching presentations usually present a situation and allow audience people to be silent, take notes, and then contribute answers and suggestions for the situation. It was thought that members of the committee could act out scenarios of sexual harassment. Discussion followed and included:

We may want to focus our topic on sexual energy in the classroom separately from sexual harassment as may cause confusion to try to do both in one workshop. Sexual energy being more of a “grey” area may need to be addressed and fleshed out more as a future workshop. Leslie Simon said that she has some scripts of sexual harassment scenarios that could be reviewed. None known available on sexual energy; these would likely need to be developed by the committee. The need to have well-rehearsed and practiced scenarios was addressed. The possibility of including a videoed presentation was also discussed.

Information was shared by Joan Vitorelo that there is a possibility of Bell Hooks coming to CCSF for a presentation for the Multicultural Infusion Program this spring. Bell Hooks is the author of Teaching To Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom (NYC: Rutledge, 1994). A copy of chapter 13: “Eros, Eroticism and the Pedagogical Process” pp. 191-199, has been reviewed by several of the Sexual Harassment Committee members. If you still need a copy of this chapter still, please e-mail Leslie Simon at Lsimon@ccsf.edu and she will send one to you.

After discussion, it was decided that Camille would contact Lynda Hirose and/or Suzanne Homer who are involved in looking into Bell Hooks coming for the Multicultural
Infusion Program. Camille could discuss with them the possibility of having an additional workshop done by Bell Hooks sponsored by the Sexual Harassment Committee regarding her writing and work related to sexual dynamics in the classroom if she comes to CCSF this spring. Darren Villegas Associated Students VP of Cultural Affairs said that if additional funding is needed to have Bell Hooks do the proposed workshop for our committee, Associated Students may be able to help with funding.

Discussion followed and included:

If we can arrange for Bell Hooks to come and do a spring workshop, we may want to plan to have a later Fall Flex day faculty workshop on sexual energy. In planning for a Fall Flex workshop it may be helpful to solicit scenarios from students, staff, and faculty about areas where they may have concerns and questions regarding sexual energy or sexual harassment issues.

It was determined that we could put in the City Currents and Guardsman requests for anonymously written situations which are of concern to faculty, staff, and students. Camille will write up solicitations for these and email them to committee members to clarify and get feedback and then will arrange to have these requests put in the Guardsman and City Currents publications. At our April meeting, received submissions will be reviewed and potential scenarios may be developed for a future workshop.

Additional important information from this meeting included:

Linda Jackson will be arranging 2 hour classes for sexual harassment advisor training to take place in January/February. As this training is open to any interested committee members, she will notify Camille when dates/times determined and an informational e-mail regarding this training will be sent to all.

An additional excellent article for our review is “Boundary Issues in Teacher-Student Relationships” by S. Michael Plaut, Ph.D. and if you didn’t get yet it can be found at http://www.advocateweb.org/hope/teachms.asp

Another chapter for review entitled “Sexual Energy in the Classroom” by Jan Gurko in the book Lesbian Studies: Present and Future edited by Margaret Cruikshank (old Westburg, NY: The Feminist Press, 1982) pp. 25-31 is also available for review and can be obtained by emailing Leslie Simon at Lsimon@ccsf.edu.

We decided our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22 at 4 p.m. in R217 (please note this date is a change from prior information).

Respectfully submitted by Paula Cahill
Reviewed by Camille Hoffman, Chair