

Report on the Gainesville Location EEO Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 6, 2000, Room 123, Building 1, CMAVE

Members present: Uli Bernier, Chris Geden, Miriam Hemphill, Michele Hosack, Daniel Kline, Margaret Martin, Jackie Sullivan, James Thomas, Patrick Whitmer, Bernie Wojcik, and new member, Elaine Holmes.

1. Plans were made for the ARS display in the Insect Encounters Exhibit at the Florida State Fair, February 8-22, 2000. There will be a Stored Product Insect display (Nancy Epsky, Dennis Shuman, Richard Mankin), and a Filth Fly display (Jerry Hogsette), possibly a Fire Ant display (Faith Oi?), and a Termite display (David Oi). Volunteers are needed for put up, take down, and to field questions from fair attendees. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted.
2. Plans were discussed for the Junior Science Engineering and Humanities Symposium Tour 10:30-11:30, Monday, February 7. Demonstrations will be done by the following groups and individuals: Nancy Epsky-Dennis Shuman-Richard Mankin, Dan Wojcik-Sanford Porter, Bob Vander Meer, and Uli Bernier-Dan Kline
3. Plans were discussed for the Black History Month Seminar (James Thomas)-- Reverend Wright will present a seminar at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, February 23, discussing recent proposals for use of a historically valuable house on 3rd St. for a black history museum and discussing his book on entrepreneurship by minorities. Refreshments will be provided.
4. Plans were discussed for the Women's History Month Seminar (Miriam Hemphill)--Dr. Gail Baker, UF Vice President for Public Relations, will present a seminar at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 22, discussing workforce diversity issues. Refreshments will be provided.
5. Plans were begun (a suggestion by Margaret Martin) to bring in a speaker, possibly from Headquarters, to describe career development and retirement planning information that has been made available recently on the Internet. Tentative date would be in September.
6. Plans were begun for implementation of Student Summer Employment Programs. It appears that location funds will be available for 2 college student summer interns. No funding from the Area is anticipated for Summer Apprentices, but we will ask the Center Director to encourage Research Leaders to set aside funds for 1 apprentice from each unit (~\$2000 each). *A memo will go out soon, reminding scientists that a description of the summer programs is listed on our EEO web site.*
7. The Santa Fe Community College Yes Program has contacted us about a new program to employ students 10 hrs/week during the school year. At the end of the school year, good workers may be eligible to work full time during the summer months. We anticipate that 50% up to 100% of the cost would be covered by SFCC. We will seek Center Director and Research Leader support for this new program.

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