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ISSUES AND ACTIONS:

• Submitted a proposal to the division to change the committee name to the Committee on Student Outreach and Diversity as well as update the bylaws. While it was universally agreed that changes are appropriate, several members of the Divisional Council expressed concerns about the proposed name and the matter was brought back to committee for reconsideration. The committee is continuing its discussion on this topic and it is hoped that a final choice will be voted on at the first meeting of 2004-2005 and resubmitted to the division for approval at the fall division meeting.

• Began the process of cataloging outreach efforts of individual Berkeley faculty that do not fall under the auspices of the administration or other established outreach efforts. To facilitate this, a questionnaire was developed and will be disseminated to all faculty in the fall. The information collected by this questionnaire will be sorted and eventually made a resource for the entire campus in strengthening the committee’s outreach and diversity effort.

• The research subcommittee continued its work on a mini research program to compare differences in GPA of students who participate in PDP sections versus similar sections organized by the Math department. The final analysis will be completed this summer.

• Began process of offering organized avenues for faculty who wish to become involved with outreach efforts. The committee will help faculty identify schools, teachers, and students who would benefit from a range of outreach activities. The committee will also provide documents and inputs for inclusion on proposals such as NSF, NIH, and DOE grants. In return for the help with proposal writing the hope is that faculty will include some funds for PDP so that these ongoing outreach activities can be continued with the assistance of PDP.

• Began an oral history with committee member Leon Henkin in collaboration with the Oral History Project in the Bancroft Library.
• Received reports from the Alumni Advisory Council of PDP re: the PDP Strategic Plan. Some committee members participated in meetings with the Alumni Council re: the Strategic Plan, and PDP is in the process of implementing this plan.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:

1. Finalizing the committee name and bylaw change.

2. Disseminating the questionnaire on outreach activities to faculty.
3. Continue to develop plans for collaborating with faculty on outreach activities.
4. Continue to advise PDP on its Strategic Plan.