1994-95 Annual Report of the Lectures Committee

In 1994-95 the Lectures Committee met formally on November 14, 1994, February 1, March 1, and April 5, 1995. Some committee members also met with Chancellor Schroeder on March 8, 1995.

The committee’s major actions for the year were the following:

1. It redefined, with the help of Scott Gore, Union Programming, the committee’s role. The committee was originally set up to support Union Programming on the Chancellor’s University Lecture Series, beginning with the John Updike Lecture. The present committee’s role is to generate ideas for speakers and work with Union Programming on publicizing the lectures across the campus and obtaining financial support.

2. It supported the Cornell West lecture with a donation of $500.

3. It planned, organized, and generated support for a Distinguished Lecturer, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, to come to UWM on November 8, 1995. The Chancellor will host a reception for him. Edith Moravcsik was able to obtain support from numerous UWM departments and programs for this program.

The committee continued to discuss the committee’s major concern: that it is a lectures committee with no budget. The group responded in May 1995 to a questionnaire from the University Committee by suggesting that the Lectures Committee be eliminated and its duties assumed by Union Programming. If it continues, the committee should work more closely with Scott Gore’s office and function as a true liaison between the faculty and Union Programming.

The committee’s members for the year were John Goulet (English and Comparative Literature), Janet Jesmok (Honors Program), Judith Kenny (Geography; on leave), Joyce Kirk (Africology), Edith Moravcsik (Linguistics), Michael Noonan (English and Comparative Literature), Kim Romanesko (Women’s Studies), Marty Sapp (Educational Psychology), and Virginia Stoffel (Occupational Therapy). At the first meeting of the academic year Janet Jesmok was elected chair.

Submitted by Janet Jesmok, Chair
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