TEACHING AND DIVERSITY: ADT NOTES

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• Last spring the proposal was made that diversity be written into the criteria for selection for the academy. This might be directed toward the Senate Committee on Educational Policy.
• Some discussion of definitions of “minority” and “diversity.” We decided to ask the administration for official definitions or clarification of these terms.
• We questioned what the minority representation is in the Academy and what the rate of minority membership participation in retreats has been.
• We discussed how diversity could become an integral and explicit component of the courses we teach.
• We discussed the idea that the Academy hold some kind of symposium on increasing diversity, or getting speakers on diversity at events with a large majority audience like biennial spring teaching conference. We saw this as a priority. Suggestion – George Thompson, currently a doctoral candidate in x, might be a good candidate (his son was “U” football layer in past.)
• Another suggestion: Have student panels at teaching conference to respond to what the speaker says.
• Another speaker suggestion – Dave of “Famous Dave’s” (currently connected to Bush Administration in some way.)