Inter-Racial and Cross-Cultural Education Program

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Abstract: The Inter-Racial and Cross-Cultural Education Program (IRCCE) began in the summer of 1984 in response to a series of reports on the lack of racial or ethnic equality and recognition within the GTU and its member schools. The goal of the IRCCE program was to address the findings of these reports by implementing new programs and curricula within the GTU community, and to foster diversity in new faculty hires. Due to the discontinuation of funding, the program closed June 30, 1989. Julian Kunnie, Michael Angevine, and Harold L. Hunt served as directors of the program
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This Collection came to the GTU Archives from two offices, the IRCCE Office and the GTU President's Office.
Biography/Administrative History
The Intervention and Cross-Cultural Education Program (IRCCE) began in the summer of 1984 in response to a series of reports dating back to 1972 on racial ethnic equality and recognition within the GTU and its member schools. On June 13, 1983, GTU President Michael Blecker formed the Special Committee for Ethnic Minority Concerns, chaired by William Pregnail of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, in response to the report made by Lawrence N. Jones, “Recommendations Concerning Black Studies in the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, and Related Subjects”, April 7, 1983. This Committee was to look into the racial and ethnic issues and make recommendations as to how to address this institutionally within the GTU as a whole. Their final report dated November 23, 1983 recommended formation of the IRCCE. The goals of the IRCCE were to “situate itself in the context of a struggle for justice and the transformation of the structures of privilege”. It intended to do so by several strategies, including but not limited to: an IRCCE lecture series; a Racial Audit; racial ethnic faculty development; curriculum; new and existing centers (i.e., Center for Urban Black Studies and Pacific and Asian-American Center for Theology and Strategies); as well as financial aid and position placement of the graduates of color. The leadership of the program was as follows: Julian Kunnie, IRCCE Coordinator, 1984; Michael Angevine as Assistant Dean, 1984-1987; and Harold Hunt, 1987. Harold Hunt became ill and died in 1987, leaving the Director position open until the closure of IRCCE in June 1989. Laura Saunders, IRCCE Administrative Assistant, and the GTU Dean Judith Berling attended to the administrative duties of the IRCCE from the death of Assistant Dean Hunt until its closure. The IRCCE closed on June 30, 1989 when funding for the program was discontinued.
Scope and Content of Collection
The files from the offices, already in titled folders, were merged to form this Collection. To preserve the provenance of the collection, little to no rearranging of the contents within the folders was done. It consists of two Series, 1. IRCCE Program Administration Files, and 2. GTU Administration Program Oversight Files. The files within the series are arranged into Sub-series. The Sub-series themselves are arranged alphabetically. Within the Sub-series the folders are arranged either chronologically or alphabetically, depending on the nature of the files.
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