

The new committee was appointed by Council in January 2002, as follows:

Jean P. Killick, International Office (Chair)
Dr Angela Abela, Dept. of Psychology, Faculty of Education
Mr Joe Bartolo, Deputy Registrar
Ms Frances Camilleri, Workers' Participation Development Centre
Mr Gorg Mallia, Centre for Communications Technology
Dr Janet Mifsud (former Chair), Dept. of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics
Dr David Zammit, Dept. of Civil Law, Faculty of Laws.

The Committee co-opted Ms Patricia Camilleri (Principal Communications Officer), Dr JosAnn Cutajar - representing the Commission for the Advancement of Women, Ms Grace Attard - representing the National Council of Women. The KSU was represented by Mr Justin Borg Barthet and later by Ms Vanessa Saliba. It was felt that the Junior College should be represented, and the Principal subsequently nominated Dr JosAnn Cutajar. The Committee was greatly saddened at the death of Ms Betty Cilia, Staff Recruitment and Development Officer, who had been co-opted and who had attended some of the meetings before her illness.

The Committee met six times during 2002.

National Policy Documents and Draft Legislation

Much of the discussion in the early months of the year focussed on:

- a) The draft document for the National Development Plan ? Social Policy, with amendments/proposals sent to Ms Frances Camilleri, as consultant at the Ministry of Social Policy.
- b) The White Paper on Gender Equality, which was examined in detail and was the subject of a seminar held by the Committee in collaboration with the National Council of Women and the Women's Study Group, on 11 April. The detailed proposals made at the seminar were incorporated into a report sent to the Minister for Social Policy. Members of the Committee have continued to monitor the progress of the draft legislation through Parliament.

Other Issues

The Committee discussed on various occasions the University Play School, and the procedure for allocation of places to children of staff and students.

Another issue, which the Committee hopes to tackle in greater detail in the future, is the appointment and procedures of Selection Boards.

Seminars and Other Activities

Collaboration with organisations such as the Commission for Advancement of Women, the Department of Women in Society, and the National Council of Women resulted in a number of invitations to seminars and other activities. The Chairperson and/or various committee members participated in several activities, such as the:



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ending Sociology of Gender II course (lecturer: Ms
aldacchino);

2. Gender Focal Points Workshop, held on 24 April, by the Department for Women in Society, on the theme "Gender Equality and Gender Mainstreaming";
3. Workshop held by the National Statistics Office on the preparation of a new publication on gender statistics;
4. Launch of research publications by the Commission for the Advancement of Women.

Database of Dissertations

The Committee has continued the compilation of the database of gender-related dissertations and research, on information supplied by various Faculties and Institutes. The Committee has a small collection of publications on gender issues, which is available for consultation by students and researchers. This is kept at the Communications Office, to facilitate access.

Jean P. Killick
Chairperson