Intercultural dean named

Geraldine Roseboro of the Office of Minority Affairs at the Rochester Institute of Technology will be the new Associate Dean of Students for Intercultural Affairs, according to Dean of Students Jardee A. Kassman.

Roseboro accepted the offer over the phone on Monday, said Kassman.

She will take over in July when current dean Victoria Hershey steps down.

Student members of the search committee are not pleased with the decision, especially the process which led to it. The students’ first choice was Derek Gandy, a dean of intercultural affairs from Yale University.

Kassman made the decision to hire Roseboro and offered her the job before notifying the committee of the final decision, said committee member Karlene Burell ’94. The students knew that Kassman had the power to do this, but said Kassman should not have solicited their opinion if she was not going to listen to it.

“If you are going to have a committee and say that it is important,” said Kebba Tolbert ’94, Stu-A cultural chair, “then listen to it.”

Kassman may have decided to hire Roseboro because she was less aggressive than Gandy and therefore less likely to oppose Kassman, said Tolbert.

“My personal feeling is that [Kassman] knew that Gandy was more in tune with the students and their needs,” said Tolbert.

“Roseboro is a nice woman,” said Burell, “but she is not going to change anything; Gandy would have kicked some ass.”

“I love Dean Hershey, and when she is gone, I want someone I can talk to,” said Michael Miller ’95. “I think that we need someone we can talk to, but Kassman is just filling the office with people she wants.”

Students of color on campus also felt that the students on the committee were not really in a position to judge whether someone could take over for Hershey, Kendra King ’94. Many of the students who work most closely with Dean Hershey were not included on the committee, said King. (W.G.)