RECRUITING A DIVERSE FACULTY

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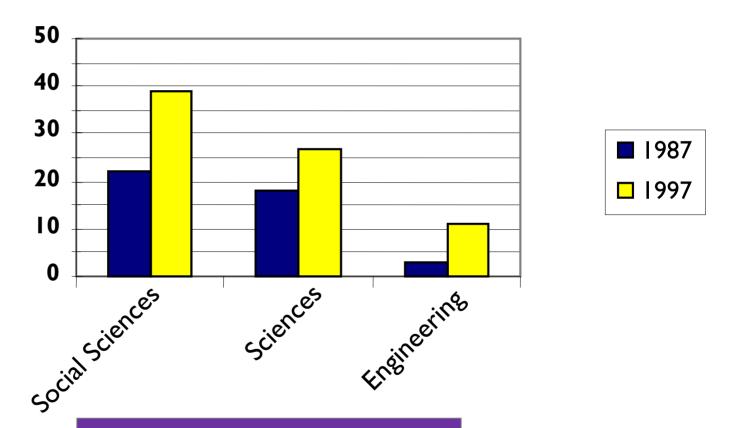
The Bottom Line and Diversity

- ◆ Catalyst study connecting gender diversity and financial performance for 353 Fortune 500 companies (5 industries)
- Companies with highest representation of women on their top management teams had:
 - 35.1% higher Return on Equity
 - 34% higher Total Return to Shareholders
 - http://www.catalystwomen.org/publications/e xecutive_summaries/financialperformance.pdf





National Percentages of Female Faculty in the Social Sciences, Science, and Engineering: 1987-1997*

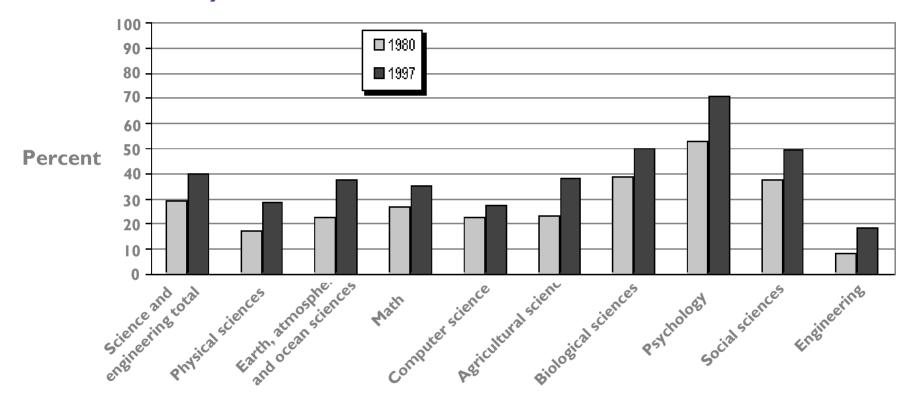




* Source: NSF Report on Women, Minorities, and Persons With Disabilities in Science and Engineering, 2000



Women as a % of Science and Engineering Graduate Students, by Field in 1980 and 1997



SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.





A Myth/Partial Truth

Discrimination is only practiced by a small set of ignorant people.

False! Research shows that everyone — males and females alike — perceive and treat women differently from men.





Recruitment

- Provide numbers on availability in the pool
- Meet with each search committee
- Cast the net broadly Don't write your ad to hire in just a narrow area
- Proactive recruitment, get to know grad students in the pipeline, be nice to them!





Closing the Deal

- Proactively treat women fairly
- **Partner Hire Process**
- Startup Package
- **♦ Stay in touch!!**







The Interview

- Customized, well designed
 - Request candidate input
 - Make sure women meet women faculty!
 - Make sure URMs meet URM faculty!
- No illegal questions
- **Unit Director Interview**





A Successful Interview Dinner in EE

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