

## **Diversity Planning Committee Meeting Summary November 18, 2008**

The following members were in attendance: Yolonda Barnes, Mike Berghoef, Travis Cervandes, Matt Chaney, Jim Cook, Deb Cox, Susan Fogarty, Warren Hills, Amanda Karel, Janel Lockwood, Pam Meadows, Jessica Mills, David Pilgrim, Fran Rosen, Paul Sullivan, Kent Sun, Luzia Tartari, Patty Terryn, Mike Wade and Leroy Wright.

Absent: Marty Bledsoe, Mike Cairns, Don Green, Scott Herron, Sharon Hopper, Thuy Karafa, Russell Leonard, Eunice Merwin-Beck, Lyle Mourer, Mary Murnik, Gretchen Spedowske, Todd Stanislav, Susan Starkey, Robbie Teahen, Troy Tissue and Hurdylyn Woods.

If you cannot attend a meeting, please send a representative.

The meeting summary from October 16, 2008 was approved, with a correction as to who was in attendance, add Tim Jacobs.

### **Diversity Events –**

- November 18, 2008, “The Native Truth” Bill Memberto, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 7pm Dome Room
- November 19, 2008, International Center Potluck
- November 20, 2008, “Diversity According to South Park and Family Guy”
- November 25, 2008, “Native American Culture & Music”, Flutist Austin Brauker, 7pm, Dome Room
- December 3, 2008, *Occupation 101* (Documentary on Israeli-Palestinian Conflict), 6pm, IRC 120
- OMSS office is looking at the possibility of planning a bus trip to the Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2009. Jessica Mills and Fran Rosen will work with OMSS on the details.

### **Emerging Issues –**

OMSS Relocation Project – David reported that a recommendation was given to the VPAA and he accepted the recommendation. One meeting has taken place to begin work on the logistics of the move.

Faculty/Staff Grant – David reported that two proposals have been submitted and that the committee will meet the first week of December. The members of the committee are Fran Rosen, Amanda Karel, Wendy Hardy, Paige Clark, Shawna Mauldin and Enid Carlson-Nagel.

Post-Election Reaction – Leroy Wright and Mike Wade reported that there have been several on-campus racist incidents in recent weeks. Those incidents include writings on Facebook and white boards, verbal threats, and notes slid under residents’ hall doors. When these things happen they need to be reported early so they can be acted upon early. It was suggested that everyone become involved. This is a University problem not a housing problem. In response to the racial incidents, a “Hot Topic” discussion was held on November 12, well over 100 students attended. There was a great deal of passion at the forum but the discussion remained civil. David thanked those that helped with the program. Mike Wade and Hurdylyn Woods did excellent work as co-moderators.

Video Recording of Diversity Events – David asked departments to please video tape their events so they can be posted on the Diversity Office’s YouTube site. The Equity Conference video has been uploaded to the Diversity Office’s webpage.

### **The Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities (LCSD) –**

Deb Cox gave a presentation explaining the LCSD’s purpose, strategies, and services. Deb distributed a handout with the 2008/09 committee members. Deb reviewed the newly designed website with campus maps depicting the buildings accessible entrances. David asked Deb to get the DPC a list of the recommendations that appeared in earlier disability reports so that the DPC could assess progress.

Note to DPC Members:

If you would like to add an item to the agenda please contact Patty Terryn.