

Diversity Planning Committee Meeting Summary

March 15, 2007

CSS 302 – 10:00am

Present: Abdul Ahmed, Yolanda Barnes, Karyn Benner, Mike Cairns, Tyrone Collins, Matthew Eickhoff, Micala Evans, Karen GreenBay, Thuy Karafa, Eunice Merwin, David Pilgrim, Luzia Tartari, Troy Tissue, and Leroy Wright

Absent: Christy Brewer, Matt Chaney, Susan Fogarty, Don Green, Scott Heron, Warren Hills, Pat Klarecki, Russell Leonard, James Mikula, Todd Stanislav, and Kent Sun

- The March 1, 2007, meeting summary was distributed and approved.
- Updates:
 - David Pilgrim reported that Frank Hale, a dynamic speaker on diversity will be available for the Summer University Diversity Day; information regarding Mr. Hale will be sent to the Committee.
 - Pilgrim presented a report regarding the Evolving Diversity Plan and the Committee progress to the Board of Trustees at the March 14th meeting.
- Diversity Plan Progress
 - The DPC is committed to having a Diversity Plan approved by the Ferris Board of Trustees by March 2008. The current plan needs greater input from the University. Summer University will include break-out sessions where members can discuss parts of the Plan. The Diversity Office will send out University-wide memos to encourage Ferris members to offer input regarding the Plan. Members of the DPC are encouraged to offer their critiques of the document. The DPC discussed ways to get faculty to offer input.

Sub-committee Reports

Campus Climate

Luzia Tartari reported that the sub-committee is working on obtaining the annual student survey from Residential Life.

Diverse Classrooms

No report

Many of the subcommittees are struggling to fulfill their charges. The DPC will discuss new approaches in upcoming meetings.

Upcoming Events

WILL Conference, Mar. 22nd at 6:00 pm, Holiday Inn

NICE Conference, Mar. 31st, time TBA, Rankin Center, **still opening for presenters**

1st Annual Disability Ball, Mar. 31st at 8:00 pm, location TBA

YBBW Women's Conference, April 14th at 9:00 a.m., Holiday Inn

International Festival of Cultures, Apr. 15th, at 1:00 pm, Dome Room

The next meeting is Thursday, April 12th.