

Diversity Planning Committee Meeting Summary  
April 26, 2007

**Present:** Abdul Ahmed, Yolanda Barnes, Mike Cairns, Micala Evans, Scott Heron, Warren Hills, Thuy Karafa, Pat Klarecki, Russell Leonard, Eunice Merwin, David Pilgrim, Todd Stanislav, Susan Starkey, Kent Sun, Luzia Tartari, Troy Tissue and Leroy Wright

**Absent:** Karyn Benner, Christy Brewer, Matt Chaney, Tyrone Collins, Matthew Eickhoff, Susan Fogarty, Don Green, Karen GreenBay, James Mikula and Troy Tissue

- The April 12, 2007, meeting summary was distributed and was approved with minor changes.
- Pat Klarecki reported that a letter has been sent to the Deans concerning incidents on campus with Asian American students following the Virginia Tech shootings.
- Summer DPC meeting schedule was determined. The committee will meet as follows; May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm in CSS 302.
- Summer University Diversity concurrent session list was handed out and reviewed to make sure everyone was aware of their responsibilities. This is a wonderful opportunity to create dialogue about the Diversity Plan and diversity initiatives.
- Todd Stanislav reported that Ferris will host the 2008 Equity Conference. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Labor & Economic Growth and other state universities. This will be a great opportunity for Ferris. A theme has not been determined. The proposed dates are March 2-4 or March 30 – April 2, 2008. John Thorp will be the campus coordinator. David asked the DPC to play an active role in the planning of this event. A planning meeting will be set in June 2007. Scott Herron asked that Todd check on the Michigan Academy dates to make sure they don't conflict. Also, Luzia Tartari has been asked if Ferris can host a Latin Conference in March 2008.
- David reported that he has asked the Vice Presidents to submit their Divisional Diversity Committees rosters by June 1<sup>st</sup>. He will work with these committees to come up with implementation plans.
- Upcoming Events
  - Black Greek Council Step Show, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Williams Auditorium
  - Pig-Nic, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Hemlock Park
- Subcommittee Reports

Several of the subcommittees are struggling with the tasks. All subcommittees should look at the Evolving Diversity Plan sections that

involve their subcommittees and critique the recommendations—editing, adding, and subtracting recommendations. They are not asked to implement the initiatives.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing strategies to gather the data necessary to assess diversity at Ferris.

Next meeting will be May 17, 2007