

Diversity Planning Committee Meeting Summary
July 19, 2007

The following members were in attendance: Mike Cairns, Matt Chaney, Susan Fogarty, Karen GreenBay, Warren Hills, Scott Heron Thuy Karafa, David Pilgrim, Todd Stanislav, Susan Starkey, Luzia Tartari, Robbie Teahen and Leroy Wright.

Absent: Yolonda Barnes, Karyn Benner, Christy Brewer, Matthew Eickhoff, Tyrone Collins, Micala Evans, Don Green, Russell Leonard, Eunice Merwin, James Mikula, Kent Sun, Troy Tissue

The meeting summary from June 21, 2007 meeting was approved.

Campus Climate Survey – Kristen Salomonson was present at the meeting to discuss the campus climate survey. She explained that it has been fifteen years since the last FSU climate survey. Kristen handed out the EBI Climate Survey that will be used; the DPC can add up to ten questions. We cannot change any of the existing questions. The EBI Climate Survey will focus on students—in the future we will use a different instrument to survey faculty and staff. Using this national survey will be helpful to FSU as we will be able to compare our data to other universities. The survey will be sent out electronically late October with results coming mid November 2007. It will be important that information concerning the survey be sent University wide to make students aware and to make sure people are informed of its importance. An August 9th DPC meeting will be convened to discuss the campus climate survey. David asked the committee to think about the ten questions we would like to add to the survey.

FSU Marketing Brochure Review – Susan Starkey presented several campus brochures for the DPC to review and offer comments. The DPC offered suggestions. David asked Susan if she thought it might be helpful for several committee members to continue to review brochures and give feedback. Susan invited the committee members to stop by her office and see what she is working on. She can also email them out for review. There needs to be a mechanism in place to make sure that a diverse population reviews materials before they “leave” the University.

“Special Event” – Tony Baker handed out several documents concerning the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, April 2008. Tony explained that he felt this would be a great opportunity to have several events on campus to recognize this date in history. The DPC thought it was a great idea and will do whatever it can to help with this project.

2008 Equity Conference – Todd Stanislav gave an update—the theme has been decided (Thanks Leroy Wright!), keynote and breakout speakers are still needed, a planning committee will be set soon, and GEAR-UP and Future Faculty event will also be tied in with this conference.

DPC Fall Meeting Schedule – The DPC will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month.