

Multicultural Student Center Committee Meeting Summary

Thursday, October 12, 2006

2 – 3:30 p.m., Bolton 196

Present: Diane Amour, Susan Fields, Nicole Stroobants, Alice Jackson, Antonio Ramirez, Amber Ante, Kenneth Curtis, Sergio Piceno, Claudia Guzman, Linda Huang, Nequnda Jones, Pauli Taylorboy (guest)

Announcements/Updates:

- *Academic Affairs 06-07 agenda:* Linda distributed copies of the agenda and noted that the height of various sections/items does not convey the level of importance.
- *UWM Homepage:* UWM's revamped homepage will be available by the end of this year. Included on the homepage will be a button for "diversity."
- *New admissions process & EM goals:* There will be no deferred/ATS process for fall 2007 applicants. Instead, ACT subscores will be used to make admission decisions. This should enable many applicants to be admitted to the university earlier. Some of UWM's new enrollment management goals include:
 - Maintain new freshmen at 4,300 students, 20% of that population will be students of color.
 - Recruit more high achievers, including high achievers of color.
 - Increase graduate student enrollment – both at the master and doctoral levels.
- *American Indian Studies/Initiative:* UWM is bringing David Beaulieu back to UWM to improve relationship with the Indian Community School and enhance the Indian Studies program and initiatives.
- *Senior Survey:* Linda distributed copies of the Senior Survey summary. There are a couple of tables in the summary that include responses from students of color.
- *Bolton 196 Decoration/Policy Committee:* Instead of a mural, the committee decided to create a multicultural banner that include images from different cultures.
- *AMSLC conference:* AMSLC starts tomorrow so everyone is very busy preparing for it. A total of 30 UWM students registered for the conference, and seven of them will be presenting their artworks or research findings.

Multicultural Open House Subcommittee

Diane reported that the entire Bolton Hall first floor offices will be involved. The suggested date is around Valentine's Day on either February 13 or 14, 2007. The committee requested a budget of \$5,000, which will be submitted to Ruth Williams for consideration. There will be entertainment, giveaways, door prizes, and food. Other ideas include creating handprints in a circle, drawing on mini canvases for hanging in Bolton 196, etc. Instead of a ribbon cutting, the committee is looking for other symbolic ideas for the "opening."

UWS Women of Color Award

Linda asked if the committee wants to collectively nominate someone for the Women of Color Award. Alice Jackson was the last recipient from UWM and is featured in the latest issue of *Myriad*.

The committee asked for a list of previous award recipients from UWM. Linda will get that information to everyone.

Other

Nicole – DRO is looking for students of color to apply for campus ambassadors.

Alice – Asked MSC Committee to recommend sociocultural workshops for spring semester. Any hot topics and ideas should be sent to Alice at Jackson@aux.uwm.edu. November 3 is the deadline for the sociocultural calendar.

Linda – MSC is also soliciting ideas for workshops in the Lounge for spring semester. We will put this on the agenda at the next meeting.

Antonio – LSU is sponsoring the “Community Organizing: Lessons from Central America” on October 16 at 11 a.m. in Bolton 196. Some LSU students went to El Salvador in August, met the presenters/activists, and had a great experience. The visitors will also appear at Voces De La Frontera on October 15 at 6 p.m.

Sergio – Talked about being the diversity director at SA. Both the SA multicultural issues director and women’s issues director report to him. He has a budget to co-sponsor programs and events with other units on campus.

Christopher Wiley, SA multicultural issues director, will be on the agenda to talk about his plans and visions.

UWM Diversity Website

Pauli Taylorboyd conducted a focus group with the committee members on what should be included in the UWM diversity website.