

Multicultural Student Center Advisory Committee Meeting Summary  
November 17, 2005  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Union 143

Space: Update and Timeline (will be brief!)

As a result of the in-depth discussion at the last meeting, a memo was submitted to Rita Cheng to support the move. Linda has also submitted a Shared Spaces proposal to Ruth Williams. The issue of sharing a copier was discussed. MSC will be the first office to move, which is scheduled to occur in spring 2006.

Meetings with M/D Programs

Linda mentioned that MSC staff has been diligently meeting with m/d programs for the past several weeks to talk about MSC roles, activities, and collaborations. She distributed a summary of those meetings.

Activities/Events

Following are suggested MSC activities/events:

- Fall and spring semesters – Victoria will plan and implement a series of workshops for students. Some students have suggested time management workshops.
- Study tables – Victoria and Linda are looking into various models of study tables. We were told that SA is implementing this program. If so, we can collaborate with SA on this activity.
- Diversity Career Day – Victoria, Linda, and Ramona are collaborating with the Career Development Center to implement this annual event, which will be held on February 2, 2007.
- AMSLC 2006 – Victoria is the chair of this year's AMSLC planning committee, which will be held at UWM in October 2006.
- New freshmen program in August 2006 – Ramona would like to implement a program for incoming freshmen that helps them get ready for classes (e.g., take students to buy books, show them their scheduled classes, etc.)

Additional discussions:

- Sharon asked if MSC would implement the Success Conference in fall 2006, which cost about \$4,000. Victoria felt that MSC will be too busy preparing for the AMSLC conference at that time.
- A common multicultural open house for fall 2006 was discussed. After everyone has moved to Bolton Hall, it makes sense for the m/d offices to hold one big open house in fall.

Multicultural Student Lounge

Ramona joined the MSC staff on October 1, 2005. She is a non-academic advisor and will be responsible for the operation of the Lounge. After resolving the smoke problem in the Lounge, the Lounge is now open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and averages about 15 students per day. Work-study students have been hired to monitor the space.

Suggestions were made to plan ethnic fests at the beginning and end of each semester. There should also be games available in the Lounge.

### MSC Survey

Linda distributed a draft copy of the survey for feedback. Several suggestions were made. Linda will revise the survey for everyone's review again. The purpose of the survey is to solicit suggestions/comments from students about the new MSC and MS Lounge.

### New Freshmen Contact: 6-Week Early Warning

Susan, Dao, and Diane reported that they sent the 6-week early warning sheets to instructors already. They have received feedback from some instructors.

### Student Representatives

Susan suggested that the committee wait until MSC is more settled before students are brought on board. The m/d offices will recommend student reps to serve on the advisory committee – one from each racial/ethnic group and the SA multicultural director for a total of five student reps.

### Myriad 2006

The next issue of *Myriad* will be distributed in fall 2006. It will highlight MSC/MSL, the move, other m/d offices, and student/staff profiles. It would be appreciated if the various m/d offices would assist in writing the articles.