

Multicultural Student Center Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
October 19, 2005
1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Union E220

Move to Bolton Hall

The advisory committee members discussed extensively on the pro and con of the move. Ruth Williams would like the committee members to vote on this issue today, and submit a recommendation to Rita.

Summary of For/Pro:

- All m/d offices will be located in close proximity to each other. This will facilitate collaboration and perhaps sharing of resources.
- MSC is moving for sure, regardless if other programs are moving. It does not want to be in Bolton Hall alone – isolated from other m/d programs.
- All m/d programs will retain their own identify. No programs will be folded under one central umbrella.
- The move does serve as a one-stop-shop model. It will be easier for students to find multicultural services.

Summary of Against/Con:

- There should be other alternatives and better proposals for the move.
- There is no proof that the move will improve the retention rates of students of color.
- Aside from MSC, the move is “all or none” situation – either all offices will move or no office will move.
- Everyone is moving into smaller office spaces. Storage spaces are seriously lacking.

After a lengthy discussion, Linda took the votes from committee members. The recommendation is for the move to occur.

Other Agenda Items

Because of lack of time, the following agenda items were not discussed:

Shared Spaces

Follow-Through of Applicants and Admits

New Freshmen Data

Naming of MSC and MRC? – Susan Fields

Redesigning Website

Student Reps – bring them on board earlier?

Future Meetings – Monthly?

Other