

Multicultural Student Center Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
April 20, 2006
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Union E220

Collaboration on contacting prospective students – Jan Ford

Jan reported that DRO is involved in contacting high-achieving admitted students for the Honors College. Of the 1,416 students eligible, 115 are students of color.

Jan also mentioned that she has housing forms available for anyone who wants to recommend a high achiever of color for housing this fall. She will email Linda a copy of the form, as well as a list of high achievers of color. Linda will share the information with committee members and Maria Castrejon-Perez when she receives the message.

To further diversify CAs and tour guides, Jan requested that m/d offices refer more students next year. She also mentioned that UWM is participating in several of the LULAC conference activities on June 28-30 and asked if UWM students can help manned the booths. Carmen said she would mention this to the Latino students at the LSU meeting. DES staff said they would also help.

Contacting admitted students for STAR – Amy Randall, Kim Folstein, Maria Castrejon-Perez

Similar to last year, m/d offices will be involved in contacting admitted students of color to register for STAR, and remind those who have registered for STAR to attend the sessions. Diane asked DES staff if there are scripts available for calling admitted students. In order for m/d staff to begin contacting students for STAR, data is needed.

Amy said that such information is available online through the Query Library. The m/d staff requested that a training session be set up so they will be empowered to generate their own data. A training session was scheduled for Friday, May 12 at 11:30 a.m. in Bolton 184.

Maria mentioned that she has sent letters to incomplete applicants who are missing multiple items. The issues regarding contacting guidance counselors about student's fee waiver forms, as well as completing cancellation forms for students who are no longer interested in UWM were raised and discussed. Kim said she would check with Beth Weckmueller concerning the cancellation issue.

Maria thanked m/d staff for their efforts in contacting deferred students. She said there had been 90-100 completed files for review at each of the more recent meetings.

Multicultural Student Lounge – Ramona Sledge

Ramona asked if the MSL should be opened during the summer. The committee members felt that the traffic will be light, and does not justify the hiring of student workers to monitor the place. However, the Lounge will be available for tours, STAR, and other special events.

AMSLC registration and abstract submission – Linda Huang

Linda requested that committee members encourage their students to register for the conference. Carmen will also mention this to Latino students at the LSU meeting.

Other

Diane asked for a decision on the shared conference room requests. Linda will contact Anthony Lemelle and Ruth Williams for a decision.

Diane mentioned that there is no choice of furniture color. There should be choices for desk chairs.

Linda will inquire about the computer lab/lounge, i.e., ordering of computers and tables/chairs.