

Multicultural Student Center Committee Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 8, 2007

2:00 p.m., Bolton 196

Present: Edwin Maldonado, Victoria Pryor, Ramona Sledge, Linda Huang, Diane Amour, Dao Vang, Sergio Piceno, Ruth Russell, Susan Fields

Brief Announcements

- **RiverView residence hall:** Because of construction delays, the residence hall will not be available until spring 2008. Housing is working on incentives for students to live in RiverView during the second semester, as well as alternatives for students who have already sent in contracts for that residence hall.
- **UWM resource planning:** Provost has begun the annual resource planning process. All schools, colleges, and divisions are required to submit planning documents to request for future resources and space. Part of consideration for this year's planning exercise is to address the addition of proposed satellite campuses.
- **Proposed UWS admissions policy:** A public hearing on admissions policy was held on January 29th regarding the proposed holistic admissions process. According to the draft document, the most important factor is still the academics. There is, included in "Other Factors," the consideration of historically underrepresented racial or ethnic groups for admission. The Board of Regents will be voting on this policy today or tomorrow.
- **Plan 2008 Phase II outcomes reporting for 2006-07:** UWS is streamlining the campus reporting process this year. They are only asking for campuses to submit initiatives that have shown measurable impact on student access and/or success. UWM will be submitting 10 initiatives to UWS.

Diversity Career Day

The career day will be held on March 8th from 10 to 2 p.m. in Union Wisconsin Room. Victoria reported that there are currently 72 registrants. February 22nd is the deadline for registration, and the capacity is for 85 registrants. Ramona mentioned that volunteers are needed to help at the event. This event has been advertised in the alumni newsletter.

A resume book will be available for employers at the career day. Students are also encouraged to upload their resumes to PantherJobs for \$15 so their resumes can be accessed by employers.

A "Preparing for Diversity Career Day" workshop will be held on March 1st at 12 noon in the Multicultural Student Lounge.

Dress for success and tips for success are important information for students. If available, they should be shared with students.

Nicole is still interested in inviting Kohl's to conduct a workshop on what employers are looking for in prospective employees.

Success Conference

Sergio reported that the conference will be held next Monday, February 12th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Union Wisconsin Room. There will be morning workshops on building networks, career exploration, time management, graduate school, etc. These workshops will be repeated in the afternoon sessions. There will also be a luncheon with student panel presentation at noon, and a resource fair after lunch at 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Questions were raised as to which offices should be staffing tables/booths at the resource fair. Sergio will find out from Nicole.

Calling Admitted Students

Linda distributed the most recent applied/admitted data for summer/fall 2007 students. Student applications and admissions are up from last year, including those for students of color.

Ruth reported that, so far, 317 of the 438 students admitted to AOC were white. AOC admissions numbers are now being monitored closely.

Dao mentioned that DES has put application materials in wrong folders because too many Southeast Asian students have the same name. Edwin also reported problems with students' transcripts even though they were hand delivered to DES.

Linda announced that Jan Ford has 75 set-aside rooms for prospective/admitted new freshmen. In addition, Jane Hojan-Clark has access to a one-time-only trust fund that is made available for scholarships to attract high achievers and students of color. To request for housing space and scholarships, please contact Jan and Jane.

Dao indicated that a lot of Southeast Asian students do not live in residence halls because they like to cook for themselves.

Multicultural Graduation Program/Reception

Susan mentioned that there will be a multicultural graduation program and reception on Monday, May 7th from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room Lounge. Diana will schedule a meeting to discuss logistics for that event.

Ruth mentioned that the AOC banquet will be held on May 10th in the Union Wisconsin Room.

Round Robin

Victoria – On Thursday, February 15th, MSC will present its first spring workshop, I AM FIRST, at 12 noon in the Multicultural Student Lounge. Mango Tribe will return to UWM and perform on March 1st at 7 p.m. in Union Wisconsin Room.

Ruth – Michael Bonds was involved in a meeting to discuss the recruitment of African American students. Among other issues, part of the problem is marketing, e.g., the latest issue of UWM Today was not diverse. The publication is perhaps used for gift campaign and targets donors. Ruth feels that if Chancellor's goal is to have 20% students of color in the new freshman population, then all brochures and publications should have 20% of photos representing the multicultural population. She has been invited to the next university's marketing committee meeting to discuss this issue.

Edwin – Orquesta Veneno, a salsa band, will perform next Thursday, February 15th at the Gasthaus as part of the World Music Festival. The Multicultural Open House may be held during the last week of October. Ruth Williams will be invited to the next planning committee meeting.

Other

Linda announced that, based on a recommendation from Susan, Leonard White has been invited to join the MSC Committee.