

Multicultural Student Center Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

1:30 p.m., Bolton 196

Present: Michael Knaapsen, Jaelei Yang, Victoria Pryor, Edwin Maldonado, Dao Vang, Diana Edwards, Celeste Clark, Yohlunda Hill, Linda Huang, Carla Cadet, Michael Powell, Kiera Castle, Carmen Cepeda, Pam Eggelston

Union Sociocultural Programming – Carla Cadet

Union Sociocultural Programming is hiring a student intern for next semester's events, including the Carter G. Woodson week (April 6 – April 10).

USP is trying to secure a keynote speaker, Dr. Ni'am Akbar, for the Woodson Week. The estimated cost for this speaker is \$6000. It was suggested that USP approach the Psychology Department for co-sponsorship.

Another possible event is the Step Afrika (a dance group on evolution of steps). The 9 to 10-person group will cost about \$4000, with an additional \$3000 for travel expenses.

Student organizations can request funds from SA through the large grant proposal – due at end of October.

Multicultural Recruitment – Yohlunda Hill

Registration has begun for the Discover UWM program. This overnight experience will be more interactive for participants, as opposed to students being "talked to." Mentors/Hosts are still needed. In order for students to host, they must reside in the Sandburg Hall. Perhaps AHAC can be contacted. There are a lot of students in that organization who may be good hosts.

The overnights will see "Trouble the Water" film on Wednesday night (11/5/08). The goal is to have 50 overnight students.

There will be MRO (Multicultural Recruitment Office) sessions during the UWM Open House. These sessions are to encourage students to start the application process early. Discover UWM information will be available at those sessions.

Contacting New Freshmen? – Linda Huang

AISS and SAASS call students, especially if they have unsatisfactory progress reports. AASAS feels it's more effective to email students, and two of its staff members are assigned to work with freshmen. Susan Fields has asked for a list of African American new freshmen to call.

Early Warning 4-Week and 6-Week Programs – Linda Huang

AASAS and AISS are participating in both the 4-week and 6-week early warning programs, whereas RHC and SAASS are only following up with students for the 4-week program. Four-

week program is a campuswide effort, while the 6-week early warning forms are sent by specific multicultural offices (AASAS and AISS).

New Business/Unit Report

Michael Powell:

- October 21 – Graduate Student of Color Reception will be held in the Zelazo Center, Room 171.
- November 3 – Townhall meeting on campus climate survey will be held at 12-2 p.m. in the Library Conference Center.
- About two weeks ago, an offensive email was distributed to students in a class. It's now being investigated and sanctions, if any, will be issued by Jim Hill's office.
- There is a group on campus that is currently working on a mechanism to report hate crimes or biases online. This mechanism or protocol will facilitate the reporting of such incidences, with a faster response rate. It is anticipated that CIPD will be involved in training faculty on the front end.

Kiera Castle:

- LINKS would like to better connect with student organizations by bringing back Bridging the Gap forums, as well as conducting workshops to address cultural and social issues.
- LINKS will work with BSU first to offer workshops in various topics starting in November.

Michael Knaapsen:

- Student Association wants to conduct a memorial service for Haroon Khan, a UWM student who was murdered. It would be nice to come up with something to present to the Khan family, e.g., a signed postcard. Edwin suggested to also honor him at the RHC's Day of the Dead alter in the Union Concourse on November 3-5.
- October 18 – Milwaukee Choristers will perform at 8 p.m. in the Zelazo concert hall. There is a preconcert chat at 7 p.m. This is a celebration of music by African American composers.

Edwin Maldonado:

- October 6 – The Junot Diaz event drew 400 people.
- October 11 – The Salsafest: A Latin Dance Competition is this Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.
- October 13 – "Bordertown," with Jennifer Lopez, will be shown at 7 p.m.

Celeste Clark:

- October 18 – The Autumn Pow Wow, honoring community, will be held in the Union Ballroom. Grand entries are at 1:30 and 7 p.m., with a Two-Step Contest.

Jaelie Yang:

- October 21 – MCSC's first event is a townhall debate on the 2008 presidential election, which will be held at 6 p.m. in the Union Wisconsin Room.
- November 22 (?) – MCSC is sponsoring a kickball tournament. All proceeds will be donated to charity.