

Diversity & Community Enhancement Committee (DCEC) Meeting Minutes

August 28th, 2012

1:00PM - 2:30PM

273 Chambers Building

Chair: Gail Boldt

Attendees Present: Teresa Abdulbaaqee, Kristie Barton, Gail Bodlt, Charleon Jeffries, John Katunich, Allison Kootsikis, Andrea McCloskey, Maryellen "Mimi" Schaub, Corey Simmons, Mark Threeton, Joe Valente, Nuboko

Introduction and Orientation:

- New and old committee members introduced themselves and were welcomed into the DCEC.

Discussion of Committee/Subcommittee Ways of Working:

- Charleon provided a brief overview of the origin and role of the DCEC to the (new) committee.

May Minutes:

- Gail will provide May Minutes at next meeting for the committee's approval.

Committee Reports:

- Theme Committee
 - Laura reports that last year theme and program was a success. The theme for the 2012-13 year is *Linguistic Diversity*. The committee will be working on a title for this year's theme, considering ways of promoting this theme in the college and welcoming new members.
- Climate & Community Committee
 - Charleon reports that the committee held 3 Town Hall Meetings the previous academic year and while the graduate student turn out was sufficient and the committee receive available feedback, the under graduate and faculty turn out was scarce. The committee will set dates for more town hall meetings in the immediate future as well as working to garner more undergraduate, faculty and staff participation and feedback in this year's meeting.
- Handbook Committee
 - Gail and Mimi report that the committee will continue with their endeavor to have conversations with department about (to find out) what they are doing around the issue of diversity (i.e. how they promote (and celebrate) the diversity in their department. The idea is to garner ideas and promote a model or models as part of the committee's handbook for publication to other departments.

Old Business

- **Subcommittee Reports for 2011-2012**
 - An annual report will be developed to show the dean what the committee is doing or has done and what the committee endeavors to do in the future.
- **Announcement of Theme**
 - Laura announced that the theme for the 2012-13 year is *Linguistic Diversity*
 - Gail asked that the theme committee produce a description of this year's theme
- **Website**
 - Corey has been assigned to update and maintain the DCEC's website. Kristie has agreed to assist him in the task.
- **Membership**
 - Gail will be sending out a call for membership to the DCEC. The announcement will provide potential members 3 ways in which to be involved in the DECE: committee, subcommittee and volunteer at events. Gail asked the each subcommittee create a blurb, so that, she made incorporate it into the membership announcement. Also, Allison suggested providing the link to the DCEC Facebook page be provided in the announcement.

New Business

- **Minutes for September's meeting**
 - Andrea has agreed to take the minutes for next months meeting (September).

Organization of Charge to Subcommittees

- Subcommittees gathered for 30 minutes to discuss the following: choosing a chair, goals for the year, setting meeting dates/times, etc.

Announcement

The College of Education's Cycle Thon & 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 2012 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31PM

Note: Gail will contact Tracy regarding DECE film from previous events.