

DCEC Meeting  
January 18, 2011  
1:30 pm, Room 221

## AGENDA

Present: Anna Fernandez, Darla Homan, Charleon Jefferies, Mark Threeton, David Fuentes, Richard Hazler, Andrea McCloskey, Du Young Kang, Gail Boldt, Jeanine Staples, Joe Valente, Blaire Toso, Elizabeth Mellin, Laura Smolcic, Maria Marvin

### Minutes

- November minutes approved after some edits

### Subcommittee Reports

#### *Climate*

No January meeting

#### *Theme*

- Two projects: DCEC handbook and the DCED Forum for faculty, students and staff, to be held either April 15 or 22. Currently researching locations for the event (HUB, Nittany Lion Inn, etc)
- DCED handbook as a living document researching the best models for diversity. There will be a meeting with the department level to co-write the handbook. The following models are being researched, Mediation Model, Celebration Model, Global Model and Education Model. How are these models implemented? What are their strengths and weaknesses?

#### *Undergrad Membership*

- Met with student advisory board, introduced the DCEC to them and made some recommendations such as making flyers, presenting at various forums, Cata advertisement.
- Opportunity for undergrads to develop professionally as a resume builder
- Greater visibility, greater undergrad participation
- Time right now is problematic for students in terms for academic conflicts
- Students were interested in learning from Professors, Academics and scholars in the college of ed.
- Is involvement to the DCEC open to undergraduate students? for the fall a voted will be needed.
- How can the DCEC support undergraduate initiatives?

#### *Resources*

- How to get resources out to the college?
- How can the DCEC become part of the new COE main page?
- How can the DCEC participate in the Connections newsletter?
- Send email to DCEC members asking for commitment with 300 words for the newsletter.
- Use of the College Electronic signage to promote DCEC programs and DCEC information and DCEC resources
- Edlition for alumni: Professional development courses and/or workshops
- Freshman seminar for developing a module build on some of the resources of the DCEC (stipend available)
- Drafted a letter to the dean for a GA for next fall

## **Old**

## **New**

### **ADA issues (Joe Valente)**

- Disability left out of diversity discussions: broadening of definition of diversity
- How do we promote this discussion
- Connect with other groups already working with disability studies
- Sub-committee to plan strategically to move beyond promotion to advocacy
- DCEC website not in compliance with ADA
- Refer back to Jim Herbert's recommendations to department
- Actions for fall & possible timeliness of support for current issues
- Those interested in convening an informal group to discuss moving this forward, please e-mail Joe: [jvalente@psu.edu](mailto:jvalente@psu.edu)

### **DCEC Search for Spring GA**

- 5 apps
- tight timeframe – week select, interviews week of Jan. 24
- Hiring participation: Gail, Darla, SouYoung, Claude
- Committee end of week (Jan. ) Top ranking of candidates

### **Facebook guidelines:**

- DCEC site was not in compliance
- Moderate and decide acceptable content on the site
  - 3 administrators (currently Gail, Charleon, Dave)
  - policy needed who wants the role?: GA, GA Supervisor, resource committee member?
- FB administrators need to be checking the website daily for content issues
- Discussion about the policies
  - Concerns about who can administrate the FB account (e.g.,

grad student disallowed) – Can this be structured that grad student monitors and refers to administrators with concerns

**Announcements**

**Adjourn**