

DCEC Meeting
March 15, 2011
1:30 pm, Room 221

Present: Darla Homan, Mark Threeton, David Fuentes, Richard Hazler, Andrea McCloskey, Su Young Kang, Gail Boldt, Jeanine Staples, Sandra Rodriguez, Madhu Prakash, Theresa A., Stacey deShield, Laura Katunich, Mimi Schaub, Teresa Abdulbaaqee, Tracy Kao, Elizabeth Smolcic

Minutes

March minutes approved as amended.

Subcommittee Reports

Climate/Community:

Did not meet

Theme:

Janine reported that DCEC poster and resources fair has amended its name to be more inclusive. The plan is to start marketing the fair by tomorrow. A google forum has been established to assemble a list of potential presenters along with information about their presentation. Dr. Terrell Jones will be the guest speaker. The dean will also make opening remarks. The intent is that the event is like a fair. The entire committee brainstormed different groups in the college that could be invited to the fair to participate.

Undergrad Membership:

David shared a poll that the subcommittee made. Suggestions were made for changes, including language as inclusive as possible and potentially adding one more question about how the DCEC could reach out to the undergraduate population more. The suggested changes will be made and the poll will be given at the next ice cream social.

Resources:

Richard passed around a signup sheet for contributors for the newsletter (300 words). The listserv is now set up that anyone can contribute to. March 22nd at 1pm 405 Keller the subcommittee will meet with Joe Valente about ADA issues and the DCEC website.

Old Business

Tracy announced that she has a complete listserv for the DCEC. Gail agreed to send that address around so that anyone can post to it. Subcommittees should announce their meetings on that list.

New Business

Gail discussed the need to be replaced as the faculty leaders. In addition, Anna's term as student leader expires this year. The committee discussed a possible model for leadership that might allow for support and continuity in addition to a regular cycle of entering and leaving the service. Does a three year cycle of incoming, serving and outgoing leader in each area make sense? Teresa volunteered to be new student leader in place of or with Anna for next year. Gail said she would poll the faculty to determine willingness to run for the leadership role.

Gail reported that given our short time frame, she supports choosing a theme for 2011-12 from nominations made within the DCEC. The committee agreed. The committee discussed two themes nominated thusfar: Linguistic Diversity and Disability as Diversity. Gail agreed to call for additional ideas and circulate the proposals prior to voting at the next meeting. Gail suggested the possibility of considering a "current theme" and "incoming theme" model that will allow a longer time horizon for planning events and looking for resources.

Staff Event: A motion was made and seconded that asks Darla to move forward with planning a staff event to provide training on transgender issues for PSU students. Darla was authorized to include food as part of that training.

Gail called for agenda items for the final meeting of the DCEC in April. The following items are to be included:

- Theme
- Leadership
- 2011 – 2012 subcommittees
- Ongoing work on the handbook
- Maintenance of connections to the departmental committees
- General membership discussion
- Scheduling of 2011 – 2012 meetings

Adjourn