

DECE Meeting  
February 16, 2010  
1:30 pm, Room 221

Present: Gail Boldt, Charleon Jeffries, Elizabeth Park, Anna Fernandez, David Fuentes, Darla Homan, Jeanine Staples, Andrea McCloskey, Su Young Kang, Jane Harstad, Barb Schaefer, Carla Firetto, Angie Hummel

Minutes

Motion to accept last meeting minutes with corrections accepted

Subcommittee Reports

*Resources:*

Discussion of feed on Facebook. Question for Dave: What is the advantage of having us all as editors?

Gail asked the resource committee for creation of a procedure for getting the filming done. What gets filmed, who puts in the request? This should part of the resource committee's regular responsibilities. The suggestion was put forward that the theme committee should work with the library to discuss ways to connect our video archive with their cataloging of resources and to see if we want to link with them in some way.

*Climate:*

Charleon updated us on the Cyclethon. This year there will be T-shirt interdepartmental sponsorship. We won't be sponsoring the water this year as the college will support the use of re-useable water bottles with refilling stations along the route. Gail will set up the resource table with the materials from the earlier AILP table.

*Theme:*

Susan announced upcoming theme related events:

- March 1: Dr. Linda Sue Warner 10-1pm President of Haskell Indian Nations College
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> 12-1 123 Chambers Brown Bag about Children's Literature (Jane Harstad).
- City Lights Program

The committee discussed a spring theme event. Susan recommended that we bring Debbie Reese (American Indian Literature) for a talk. A motion to move forward with the effort to Debbie Reese was approved.

Susan proposed that for the spring/summer staff event related to the AILP theme, we sponsor a field trip for the staff to the Carlisle Indian School. Someone related to AILP will facilitate discussion of the relationship between the history of Indian

education in Pennsylvania and contemporary events. A motion was passed to pursue this. Angie, Darla, Gail and Susan agreed to coordinate on writing a proposal to the Dean and Human Resources.

Jeanine led a discussion of the possibility of a diversity-related resource fair or organizations here at the college to share calendar of events, open house type of event for students. Further discussion was to connect a fair-like table to existing beginning of the year events for students. Discussion of this idea was referred to the theme subcommittee as part of the on-going discussion of how best to work with diversity education and awareness in the college.

Old:

Gail led a discussion about a procedure to expedite the 2010-2011 theme decision. She will send a draft of the letter out to committee before sending it to the college. The committee will discuss nominated themes at the next meeting.

Gail reported that the AILP resources created by Jane and scanned into PDFs by Angie are now up on the website.

Gail reported that the committee is facing a budget shortfall. Gail will work with Angie on the figures then discuss it with the dean.

New:

Gail raised a question of whether the committee should have an interest in job searches when the candidates wish to be recognized as potential diversity hires. Should we participate in this process? The committee's discussion was that these are decision that should be left to those participating in the search. However, we will write a letter to department heads reminding them that we are willing to serve as a resource in their searches, meeting with candidates and discussing the work of the DCEC.

Adjourn