

DCEC Meeting
March 16, 2010
1:30pm, Room 221

Present: Gail Boldt, Anna Fernandez, David Fuentes, Charleon Jeffries, Darla Homan, Jeanine Staples, Jane Harstad, Kathleen Collins, Carla Firretto, Angie Hummel, Barb Schaefer

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from Feb. meeting were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Climate:

The DCEC will sponsor shirts for the Cyclethon, contributions by members. Since the College will use refillable bottles, there is no need for us to sponsor bottles. Gail will set up the DCEC table at the Cyclethon using materials from resources table, some give aways and the banner. Members of the committee are asked to encourage their department to register and participate in the event.

The subcommittee is still working to host a departmental climate committee workshop, but due to the unavailability of facilitators for the event during the spring semester, the new target will be early fall.

Theme:

The Dean approved the staff trip to the Carlisle Indian School and it will be done May 26, 8:00am-4:00pm. The DCEC has committed \$1300 to pay for the bus and donation for entrance. Staff will pay for their own lunch. The group will have a facilitated discussion after the trip about their experience.

Debbie Reese's presentation on American Indians in Children's Literature will be 4-5:30 pm on April 23rd. Children's Lit is providing additional sponsorship and will give extra credit for undergrads to attend. A reception will follow in the Multicultural Programs office. The event will be filmed for our iTunes site.

Sandy Grande's talk entitled "Red Pedagogy" is scheduled for 10-noon April 1st in Rackley building. The event will be filmed for our iTunes site. In addition, Jane Harstad is has given one talk relevant to our theme and will give a second talk on March 31st. Both talks will be put up on the iTunes site.

We received six suggestions for 2010 – 2011 themes, but none included the requested (brief) proposals for implementation. We discussed two options. One was to send out the email again, asking for more elaboration. The second was to

move ahead with a theme that works well for the committee. The group discussed the latter option at length, and made the decision that we will name this year's theme "connections". This will give us the opportunity to spend the year to plan and sponsor events that will allow for building between the college and departmental committees, to work toward more connections with the campuses, to operationalize our relationship to the Strategic Plan and Framework to Foster Diversity, and to work more on the questions that the theme committee began to address this year about how best to conceptualize and operationalize our vision of diversity and community for the College. The group agreed that this work must involve some events (e.g., a resources fair) to keep the committee's momentum, profile and budget in tact. Gail will create a Google Doc announcing the theme of Connection to look over prior to the coming meeting.