

DCEC Meeting Minutes  
Nov. 16, 2010  
1:30 p.m., Chambers 221

**Present:**

Anna Fernandez, Darla Homan, Charleon Jeffries, Corey Simmons, Teresa Abdulbaaqee, Sandra Rodriguez Arroyo, Maria Schmidt, Barb Schaefer, Robert Clark, Mark Threeton, Jane Harstad, Blaire Willson Toso, David Fuentes, Elizabeth Smolcic, Laura Katunich, Richard Hazler, Maria Marvin, Andrea McCloskey, Su Young Kang, Gail Boldt

**Minutes from previous meeting**

September minutes approved as amended

October minutes approved as amended

**Sub-committee reports**

*Climate*

Charleon reported for the subcommittee. The hope of the subcommittee is to meet with the department level groups to discuss models of diversity related work, approaches to interaction with other committees, and future support the committee can provide around issues of diversity. Speaking with the dean about bridging partnerships with regard to issues of diversity.

Cyclethon will be discussed with the dean and the subcommittee hopes to bring a competition between departments to the event.

*Theme*

Gail reported that there was an overlap between the discussion of events that the climate committee had and the theme committee.

Anna reported on a proposals for a spring event which involves a collaboration between the department level committees and the college committee to create a handbook or a guide (perhaps entitled "diverse approaches to diversity") to be used as a model or example of the kind of work we do. The goal of this is to generate more discussion with the department level leaders about the various models of diversity work that were presented at the workshop. The two subcommittees will collaborate on putting together the meeting.

Anna reported on the proposal of a second, late spring event. This would be a diversity forum or fair or conference open to all people in the college. This could include a poster session for graduate and undergraduate students, displays by

projects, programs and units about the diversity related work they do, possibly panels and/ media presentations. The event should be scheduled following AERA so that posters presented there can be presented at the fair. This event is in response to the call at the October meeting for spaces for people to share their ongoing work and a place for all people.

There was a discussion of how would we would get interest for participation among undergraduate students. We would need to sending notifications soon so that faculty can include it in their syllabi. Highly visible event. How could we support staff involvement? Gail will draft a letter about the spring forum and send it to the committee for review and description. There was further discussion about how to solicit the participation of staff.

The committee agreed to move forward with plans for the spring event.

### **Undergrad membership**

Sandra reported that David has been in contact with the EPSA and Special Education student committee leader's. Both show enthusiasm towards collaborations. The subcommittee also has split up the need to contact the other group's leaders. The goal is to establish a contact list for Dec. 1. A larger goal will be to contact leader to set up a meeting between our subcommittee and the student groups. The subcommittee will meet with student groups at the convenience of the group and will be flexible for meeting times, and dates. Contacts will be sent to David and from there we will be meeting with groups. Gail and Darla recommend that the subcommittee contact Allison Subassic to inquire about groups who support LGBT issues.

### **Resources**

Maria M. reported that the subcommittee discussed supporting a clearinghouse of materials that links to and further supports existing digital materials and resources. Issues and discussion include: uploading content that we currently have, upload new content, update technology as it changes, update quality based on feedback, maintain and update the links archive, facebook moderator, materials stored in multicultural office

Gail raised question about creating a GA'ship for the DCEC committee, someone who could work with logistics and schedule. Maria responded that the subcommittee is looking at compiling a description and list of workload that has gone into the support of maintaining the work we had up to this time. Contributors have been asked to report on the things they did so that the subcommittee can get a sense of the overall needs of the committee and the description of the GA'ship. Maintenance is also an issue...How can we draw in young people to know about the resources that we house? Marketing could be another facet of the GA's work.

## **Old Business**

09/10 annual report was discussed and approved with amendments and upon confirmation of the budget.

Gail reported on meeting with a student about a lack of LGBTQA issues included in the C&I teacher preparation program. Gail discussed the responses she offered, including inviting Allison Subassic to come to the January C&I faculty meeting to describe the “straight talks” initiatives and the availability of resources.

## **New Business:**

ADA issues Joe Valente tabled until January

The committee supported the request from Assoc Dean Edmondson to support via website advertisement of the March 13 – 20 residency of Tim Miller. The Associate Dean is not requesting money for the event.