

DCEC Meeting  
November, 2009  
1:30 pm, Room 273

Present: Andrea McCloskey, Jeanine Staples, Sharon Patrick, Kathleen Collins, Hollie Mackey, David Fuentes, Anna Fernadez, Charleon Jeffries, Bonnie Gardner, Angie Hummel, Gail Boldt, Jane Harstad, Darla Homan, Richard Hazler

Minutes

Motion to accept last meetings minutes with corrections accepted

Subcommittee Reports

*Resources:* Gail (on behalf of Dave Cochrane) previewed the DCEC Itunes University site. We noted that the text is not appearing correctly and needs to be fixed. Anyone can log in as a user; all editors (members of the DCEC) can upload content. Joe Tobin's presentation is up on site. However, we noted the importance of adding some tags or search terms to increase possibility of usage. We also need to make the university community aware of the site and materials on it and link it to the website.

There was discussion centered on more digital model for resources. We talked about our ability to make our own films to continue to add to the ITunes site. The Resources subcommittee agreed to come up with suggestions for criteria about what events to film and a mechanism for getting that to happen efficiently.

David C. also set up a Facebook page. We found a few issues with the page. The name of the group on Facebook needs to be corrected. We need to get approval by Suzanne Wayne before we announce the page. There seems to be a problem with finding the page through the search. Although these problems need to be resolved, we have great optimism for the site as a place to share and have conversations about diverse topics. We need to attend to the fact that it is not just limited to Penn state users. We also need to develop "champions" on the Facebook site to help the site get started.

*Climate:* The Community Enhancement committee is surveying the departments to determine the status of each departmental climate/diversity committee. Once that information has been

collected and compiled, the subcommittee will move forward with scheduling a mid spring (March/April) workshop for representatives from each of the departmental committees.

*Theme:* Jane reported that the theme subcommittee is nearly ready for DEC. 2<sup>nd</sup> resources table. Some items need to be copied for the event and Angie and Sharon agreed to help with this. Jane reported on resources that she gathered, including as reading list, 2000 census, resources list where you can find Indian articles, a poster, guidelines on how to include American Indian content in curriculum, books to avoid for reading during Thanksgiving and books to use, 10 things to look for when looking for books about American Indians, websites for book evaluations, a box for student question and answers will be posted on line. Jane requested volunteers welcome to work that day. Gail requested that pdfs of all the materials be sent to her so it could be added to the website.

### Old Business

*Publicity materials:* Discussion centered on working on getting magnets and bookmarks to publicize the committee. Jane, Jeanine, and Gail reported on costs and what could be gotten. Angie agreed to take the lead in getting this organized and making it happen. There was discussion of whether it would happen before the resources table was to take place (not likely). Holly raised the idea of including an inspirational quote to make the material more likely to be used and everyone agreed to send Angie some ideas which she will circulate for a vote. We discussed what information should be included in the magnets and book marks. The banner with the logo can be made by Kinkos, 2x4 vinyl outdoor banner for \$100 was approved last year but comments were welcomed.

*Undergrad membership:* Gail distributed a rough draft of a letter that could be sent out that to be appeal to for undergraduate membership. David F. volunteered ideas such as attaching work on the DCEC to undergrad course work in the college. We would get Jackie Edmondson involved in this. For example, the students have service and field work components in some classes that could be connected to the DCEC. These ideas shifted the discussion to the idea of asking the undergrads to take leadership in naming what would be most helpful to their thinking and learning about diversity issues in education and having the DCEC playing a supporting and facilitating role. We made a decision to table sending out a request and instead form a subcommittee with the charge of putting together a plan for this.

Website: Minutes are being posted on our website. The events page is showing summaries of past events and more expansive descriptions of upcoming events. At some point we will need to start archiving old events with a link on the site by folders. We will also need to add a search engine at some point.

Diversity Strategic Planning: Given that response to the College's Diversity Strategic Plan is due very soon, the committee will not respond as a committee. However, if individuals respond, they are encouraged to name themselves as members of the DCEC. Gail will also respond in her role as a member of the leadership team.

Gail will send out an email with the actionable items from this meeting.

New

December meeting: Gail can't attend the December meeting. Charleon will survey members of the committee to see if there is a need to meet.

Announcements

Adjourn