Multicultural Coordinating Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2010
1:30 p.m., Chapman Regents Room

Meeting Summary

Present: Maria Solia, Dao Vang, Diane Amour, Ahmed Kraima, Carmen Cepeda, Michael Powell, Linda Huang, Sonya Martin, Susan Fields, Sarah Perkins (guest)

UW System Award Recipients

- **Board of Regents Diversity Award** – Marion McDowell is the recipient of this year’s UWS BOR Diversity Award in the Individual Category. She will be honored at the February Board of Regents Meeting.

- **Women of Color in Education Award** – Christine Lowery, associate professor of Social Work, was submitted as UWM’s recipient for this year’s award. She will be honored during the LGBT/Women’s Consortium conference in April.

Multicultural Programming

Tabled to next meeting.

Spring 2010 Events

- **Black History Month** – A mock up of the month’s brochure was distributed. Black Cultural Center Open House will be held on February 21 from 2 to 6 p.m.

- **Diversity Career Day** – About 50 employers have registered for the event thus far. More will register in the future. Please encourage your students to attend this event on March 4 from 10 to 2 p.m. in the Union Wisconsin Room.

- **Multicultural Student Lounge Events** – MSL events calendar was distributed and discussed.

- **Asian Awareness Month** – A planning committee is working on putting together a common calendar for that month’s events. Please forward any Asian events, if any, to Linda or Chia Vang.

- **Union Sociocultural Programming** – Tabled to next meeting

In addition, AISS has American Indian events in April, and RHC plans Cinco de Mayo events in May.
Ethnic Reports

Sarah Perkins mentioned that the Testing Office generates email reminders to students to attend placement tests. It also sends letters to students who did not show up for the tests. Some of the multicultural offices call students to remind them about attending the registered dates, and most call students who did not show for the tests.

Susan suggested that it would be good for the offices to receive reports on a Monday morning. The report is a listing of students who are taking the tests that Wednesday and Thursday by race/ethnic groups, including multi-ethnic students. This report will also include students who did not show up for prior week’s tests.

Because of a shorter spring break this year (due to furlough on Friday), testing will only be offered Monday through Thursday – no testing on Friday or Saturday.

Michael inquired if there are differences between the show rates for targeted race/ethnic and other students. Sarah will find the info and email it to everyone.

Experience Diversity 2010

Linda will reconvene the Experience Diversity planning committee in the future. It was suggested that the program be more inclusive, i.e., add international, LGBT, and disability representatives to the committee.

Some of the evaluation results were shared. They will be emailed to everyone.

Announcements/Other

Sonya – Hiring for campus ambassadors is February 5th. Please nominate at least two students to Sonya at gladneys@uwm.edu. Currently, there are 41 CA/mentors. Students should have a 2.5 gpa and a sophomore standing. Sonya will email everyone the position description.

Diane – Also has events in April.

Maria –
- Next Step Transfer Orientation will be held on Wednesday, January 20 in the Union Ballroom from 3-6 p.m.
- U-Visit is on January 29.
- Preview Day is on February 7-8.
- Camp-In is on February 21-22 and February 28-March 1.
- Other Camp-In days are on April 15-16 and 25-26 – open to juniors and seniors. Students stay overnight in Sandburg and attend classes with college students.
- U @ UWM is on April 14-15 (for admitted multicultural students). This program has a high-yield enrollment rate.
- Need hosts for Sandburg. Please refer students/hosts to Maria at solis@uwm.edu, phone: x6184. There is an application process and training
• Any recruitment events that would like DRO to participate or advertise, please let Yohlunda know.

Dao stated the need to add Sheboygan schools to the recruitment efforts. Diane mentioned that there is a Badger Day at the Indian Community School – to get middle (8th grade) students interested in attending UW-Madison. There should be a Panther Day at the ICS as well. Maris said that she will talk to 8th graders.

Dao also mentioned that the Hmong American Peace Academy has moved to the former Morris Middle School location. It now offers K-12 with over 500 student enrollment. A partnership should be established with that school.

Perhaps an “issue” for spring 2010 is the coordination (by DRO) of more recruitment efforts at the middle school level, i.e., for 8th graders.