Multicultural Coordinating Committee Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2009
1:30 p.m., Bolton 196

Meeting Summary

Present: Sonya Martin, Carla Cadet, Susan Fields, Carmen Cepeda, Diana Amour, Dao Vang, Ray Fikes, Michael Powell, Linda Huang

Guests: Roseanne Illes, Michael Hostad

Multicultural Graduate Student Association (MGSA) – Roseanne Illes

MGSA was created last spring due to lack of support for multicultural graduate students (not just for students of color). It currently has about 25 members across all disciplines. Because it was initiated by a group of Educational Psychology students, many of the members are from the School of Education. It is still spreading the word and recruiting members.

Headed by four co-presidents, the goal of MGSA is to plan events, and provide role models for undergraduate students to pursue advanced degrees. In collaboration with the Black Graduate Student Alliance and Michael’s office, there will be a reception for graduate students on December 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Zelazo Center, Room 250.

Dao offered to send MGSA info to his SAASS list. Linda will forward Roseanne’s contact info to everyone.

Campus Update

- **Enrollment Management** –
  - Comparing the fall 2005 and fall 2008 cohorts, the one-year retention of new freshmen improved about 4 percentage points; while the one-year retention of new freshmen of color improved 10 percentage points.
  - The 2009 seniors reported greater satisfaction with UWM than the 2001 seniors.
  - The fall 2009 enrollment exceeded 30,000 students; its new freshman of color was comprised of 20.1% of the total new freshman class.
  - For fall 2009 doctoral student enrollment, targeted students only increased 6% as compared to 18% for non-targeted students.

- **First-Year Retention/Success Proposals** – Access to Success has proposed two programs to improve first-year retention/success and to implement essential learning outcomes for new freshmen at UWM: 1) to implement a requirement that all incoming freshmen, starting with the fall 2010 cohort, enroll in a First-Year Learning Community; and 2) to incorporate required, scheduled Supplemental Instruction sessions, beginning in fall 2010, for freshmen in selected “Gateway” courses until they demonstrate satisfactory performance.

- **Women of Color Nomination** – Information was distributed for this award. Deadline for submission of materials is due on December 7, 2009.
• **MCSC Townhall: Ethnicity and Equality at UWM** – The townhall is scheduled for tonight at 6 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. There will be a student panel representing SA and other organizations.

• **Inclusive Excellence (IE) Conference** – The first IE conference is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 from 8 to 3:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Registration is available through the MyDev website. Keynote speaker is Dr. Christopher Metzler.

• **Multicultural Student Lounge Events** – Linda will email everyone a copy of the November and December events scheduled in the Lounge.

**Subscription Center – Michael Hostad**

This feature was added to Pantherlink for campus use. It’s available under the My Subscription header, which can be turned on and off. It can also attach pdf documents or include links to web sites. In the future, various tags (i.e., diversity, free food, etc.) can be placed on events to further describe them. When tags become available, the calendar can be customized according to the various tags/categories.

A community calendar is being created through Joan Prince’s office. Calendars are refreshed twice a day at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

To put events in the Subscription Center, send an email to Michael Hostad. We can start putting events on our calendars, but Michael needs to put them out there (go live). It was suggested that everyone creates (multiple) smaller calendars. They will be tied together in the future with the availability of tags.

**Academic Probation & Contacting Students**

The multicultural offices are only working with the L&S students on probation. Probation students are required to see their advisors. For the first time, there is a hold placed on their records so they cannot schedule for future classes until an advisor releases the hold. However, by the time students are placed on probation (from fall 2009), they would have already scheduled for next semester’s classes (for spring 2010).

Susan releases AOC students to L&S. Some of the AOC students have already earned many credits before they are released to L&S.

For contacting new admits (Project Welcome):

Diane/AISS – behind in calling
Dao/SAASS – have been calling
Carmen/RHC – have been calling
Susan/AASAS – only send letters and brochures

**Announcements**

Diane – Indian Taco Sale is this Wednesday, November 18 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Point of Grace Church (across the street from UWM Union).