Multicultural Coordinating Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2010
1:30pm, Bolton 196


SA Council on Diversity and Inclusion - Vince Tripi

The Council was created in November, 2009 and began meeting in February, 2010. It meets every other Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the SA office. It’s still looking for new members.

The purpose of the Council is “To foster an environment of diversity and inclusion in the Student Association, and to advise the Student Association, in particular the Senate, on matters of cultural diversity, inclusions, and issues that pertain to underrepresented groups of students.” It hopes to affect university policies and promote/implement cultural events on a semester basis, e.g., diversity symposium, speakers, forums, etc. The Council also intends to promote the various student centers and student organizations on campus.

Some of the issues the Council hopes to work on are:
- Promote diversity in the Viewbook.
- Incorporate universal design, including gender inclusive facilities, in the Union renovation.
- Provide sensitivity training to SA Senators.
- Involve in the GER cultural diversity working group.
- Keep diversity and inclusivity issues in the forefront.

Multicultural Mentoring Proposal – Sonya Martin

There will be no more LINKS mentors. FYC would like to move in a different direction and be more inclusive (adding non-traditional and transfer students). Sonya proposed that each of the multicultural offices will have a mentor assigned. S/he will be in that office two days a week to serve the programming needs of that office. The mentors will plan and implement the programs in collaboration with the multicultural offices and FYC. The events can be held in the Multicultural Student Lounge.

If the office wishes to have a particular student to “work” in that office, please submit the name to Sonya. She will email position description and application process/form to everyone.

Everyone supported this proposal. The amount of time a mentor will work in each of the multicultural offices will be negotiated between that office and FYC.

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MS Lounge Programming & Survey – Carla Cadet

For seeking suggestions for collaborative programming in the Lounge, Carla shared a draft survey that will be sent to students via the multicultural offices. This survey results will offer feedback on programming suggestions and space utilization in the Lounge.

Please let Carla know of changes so the survey can be finalized.

Announcements

Dao – Cultural Entertainment Night is on April 14 at 7 p.m. This year’s program features only Asian cultures.

Kris – African Diaspora Showcase will be held on May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Main Stage Theatre.

Diane – There will be dance demonstrations next Thursday at 12 noon in the Union Concourse. Student awards program will be held on April 20 in Greene Hall. AISS has set up its subscription calendar that includes American Indian events on campus and in the community. International Women’s Bazaar is on April 26.

Carla – Woodson Week is next Monday through Thursday. A flyer will be emailed to everyone.

Edwin – Cinco de Mayo events are on May 3-8. On May 5, the Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in Union Ballroom. There will be food, music, and dancing, including dance instructions. Latino Graduation Banquet is on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Union Ballroom. Keynote is Azara Santiago, and there will be a dance after the awards ceremony.

Victoria – BCC’s Black Graduation Celebratory will be held on May 15 at 3 p.m. in Zelazo Center.