Multicultural Coordinating Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 13, 2010  
1:30pm, Bolton 196

Present:  Ahmed Kraima, Diane Amour, Carmen Cepeda, Ramona Sledge, Linda Huang,  
Susan Fields, Michael Powell, Carla Cadet

Guests:  Patrice Petro, Sara Tully, Jennifer Gruenewald, David Engberg, Joe Maddalena

Brief Updates – Linda Huang

- **Inclusive Excellence Website, Diversity Brochure & Video** – Plans are underway to  
  create an Inclusive Excellence website and a diversity brochure. Through a conversation  
  with Laura Glawe, there is interest for the university to also create a diversity video this  
  summer.

- **Commission on Student Life and Learning** – The “Growing a supportive campus  
  climate” working group will be reconvened this summer to draft a brief report for  
  submission to the Commission on Student Life and Learning this fall. Diane Amour and  
  students will be added to this working group.

- **Understanding Diversity and Inclusion at UWM** – Michael will conduct two workshops  
  on May 25 and June 15. Both will be held in Bolton 196 so capacity is limited.

- **June 10th and July 8th MCC Meetings** – June 10th meeting will be cancelled (it’s a NFO  
  day), and Interim Provost Johannes Britz will be on the agenda of the July 8th meeting.

Multicultural Student Lounge Survey – Carla Cadet

The survey result was distributed. Due to lack of time, Linda and Michael will meet with Carla  
at another time to discuss the survey results.

Center for International Education – Patrice Petro, Sara Tully, Jennifer Gruenewald, David  
Engberg

CIE is seeking collaboration and integration of student populations on campus. David is in  
charge of the oversea’s (study abroad) program, Jennifer is responsible for admission and  
immigration advising of international students, and Sara is the head of academic (major, minor,  
and certificate) programs and advising and other services.

Located in Pearse 166, the Overseas Program and Partnerships serves approximately 600  
students. Some of these students attend short-term programs. Students pay only program costs  
(no tuition). The office conducts two study abroad fairs each year and has two separate  
application cycles.

The International Student and Scholar Services serve approximately 1,000 students; most of  
them are graduate students, though undergraduate enrollment has been gradually increasing.  
UWM has the second largest number of international students in the UW System and the goal is
to reach an enrollment of 1,500 international students. A newsletter with important information is emailed to students on a weekly basis. This venue is available to multicultural offices for sending out events and other info.

For Academic Programs, Global Studies is the biggest joint degree program. There are currently 286 intended and declared majors in that program. Global Studies minor is more flexible for students to demonstrate international competencies. Other degree and certificate programs are available, including the interdisciplinary International Studies.

Academic Programs support student internships, and student and faculty research, including opportunities overseas. Global Student Alliance offers the Cultural Café and International Bazaar.

Institute on World Affairs is also a part of CIE and its functions were briefly described.

It would be great if there are programs to get international and multicultural students together to share cultures.

The study abroad opportunities are designed to get students of color interested in participating in the program. Scholarships totaling $160,000 are available. Pell Grant/financial aid can also be applied toward study abroad costs.

Has the number of students of color participating in the study abroad program increased over the years? CIE currently does not track the race/ethnicity of students in that program.

Lastly, multicultural offices can send info to Jennifer, Sara, or David for distribution to international students.

Development Initiatives – Joe Maddalena

Joe is the new senior development specialist with the Development and Alumni Relations and the UWM Foundation. Half of his position is to fundraise for the College of Health Sciences, and the other half is to work on campus initiatives. Some of the campus initiatives include fundraising and promoting the Chancellor’s Diversity and Leadership Scholarships and the Electa Quinney Institute.

Some suggested fundraising strategies that are easy to implement include the creation of a donation page online, and the inclusion of an envelope in the brochure. Joe has access to database of alums, which can be filtered to target specific groups of alums. He mentioned that the international alums are an untapped resource. Overall, 80% of the money raised came from individuals.

Joe offered his services to the multicultural offices.