MULTICULTURAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2009
1:30 p.m., Bolton 196

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:  Jenelle Klumb, Carmen Cepeda, Carla Cadet, Linda Huang, Dao Vang, Susan Fields

Guests:  Molly Mathias, Ahmed Kraima

Updates - Linda

- AMSLC – Currently, there are 34 students interested in attending the conference, including eight SSS students and 11 McNair Scholars. For the 15 remaining students, Linda still needs to find out from Michael as to how many students can attend this year’s conference. Linda and Pa Muas-Xiong will be the chaperones.

- Enrollment – Data as of September 8, 2009 were distributed. Jenelle expressed concerns regarding the number of American Indian students identifying themselves as multi-ethnic. It was suggested that AISS document student traffic and usage.

MSC Website & Brochure – Linda

Because we are collectively calling ourselves the “Multicultural Student Centers,” Linda would like to proceed with converting the MSC webpages into a site that provide info on Bolton Hall’s multicultural offices. She has already updated the MSC table banner to a “Multicultural Student Centers” banner to collectively table in future events.

Linda would also like to create a “collective” brochure for the five multicultural offices – using information from their respective brochures. She will share it with the committee when a draft is completed.

UWM LIBRARIES CAMPUS CONNECTION SPACE – Molly Mathias and Ahmed Kraima

Molly is now the Learning Commons Coordinator. The new library space was opened on August 24. Because it’s a very busy place, she would like to bring other services and groups into the Learning Commons via the Campus Connection Arch.

FYC and PASS are interested in staffing some hours; CDC and Study Abroad Program have expressed interest; and LGBT would like to be there to publicize/promote its events, when needed. Therefore, staffing can be once a week or once a month, depending on program needs.

If programs would like to have flyers available in that area, please send them to Molly.
It was suggested that multicultural lectures and workshops be held in that area to draw students. There are rooms that groups can reserve as well. Each room can accommodate 12-15 people with a video screen available for film screening and workshops.

Ahmed is now the Multicultural Services Librarian. He replaced Michelle Washington, and would like to establish a closer working relationship with the multicultural offices. He will do one-one-one consultations with faculty, staff, and students. Ahmed also coordinates the monthly workshop on diversity topics in the library.

If anyone thinks of programming ideas, please let Ahmed know at x6613. If anyone would like to partner with UWM Libraries to use the Campus Connections space, please contact Molly at x6402.

Student Reps

Linda inquired about student representation on the MCC. She would like to have one committed student from each of the race/ethnic groups. Question was raised as to the role of students on the committee, and that the meeting format needs to be restructured for student input.

It was suggested that perhaps once per semester, MCC can meet with the multicultural student organizations to share and collaborate on activities/events, and how we can support them.

Linda mentioned that Student Association may still appoint students to serve on the committee.

Unit Reports/Other

Jenelle – Indian Summer is this week.

Carla – “For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide/when the Rainbow is Enuf” is on September 21, 22, and 23 at 7 p.m. in Union Wisconsin Room. Pre-Show discussion on September 22nd is at 6 p.m.

Dao – The celebration of the first certificate program in Hmong Diaspora Studies in Wisconsin is on Friday, October 9 at 3 p.m. in Bolton 150.