Multicultural Student Center Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 11, 2009  
1:30 p.m., Bolton 196

Present: Michael Powell, Linda Huang, Sonya Martin, Carmen Cepeda, Carla Cadet, Victoria Pryor, Ruth Russell, Edwin Maldonado, Yohlunda Hill, Susan Fields, Jenelle Klumb, Dao Vang

Brief Updates
- Experience Diversity – Linda reported on the progress made on the Experience Diversity, which will be held on August 30-31, 2009. Victoria mentioned that both Mark Denning and Margaret Henningsen have agreed to be the keynote speakers at the event. Diane has agreed to pull together a drum jam, Ruth will be responsible for the faculty session, and Alice Jackson is working on the student leaders panel.
- AMSLC – Linda mentioned that there are about 10 students interested in attending this year’s AMSLC conference on October 16-18, 2009 at UW-Stevens Point. She is still waiting for the number of students that will be supported by the Provost’s Office. Linda will also check to see if any of these students are also McNair Scholars.

Multicultural Student Recruitment
Yohlunda reported that application is up for targeted students, but down about 5% for all students. For admitted students, there is an increase of about 8% for students of color, but a 6.5% decrease for all students.

The new Recognizing Tomorrow’s Achievers Today banquet honored freshmen, sophomores, and juniors with a 2.75 or above GPA this past Tuesday. This multicultural event can be used as a pipeline and recruiting tool. Twenty students and their parents were at the program; some of the students had earned amazing grades.

There will be fewer U-Visits this year (n=6). In order to save some of academic advisors’ time, Preview Days will now include multicultural components.

A NAACP program will be held on June 27, which is also a NFO day. Thirty students will be on campus for tours.

If anyone knows of students of color who are interested in working on campus, please refer them to Yohlunda. There are two student positions available in DRO.
Michael mentioned that there is an interest in developing a new program for high school sophomores/juniors of color to engage in research. They can be connected to various programs on campus, including the Honors College, for recruitment into these programs.

**Multicultural Student Lounge**
Michael mentioned that the Lounge needs to be fully utilized in 2009-10. Union is currently interested in having a cyber café in that space. All multicultural offices, as well as their student organizations, are encouraged to hold events in the Lounge.

**A2S Multicultural Open House**
Linda mentioned that the Multicultural Open House will be held on September 10, 2009 as part of the A2S series of open houses. The open house is also a part of the Campus Kick-Off activities.

Sonya will email everyone to request for open houses on September 1, 2009 as part of the Panther Welcome program. This program targets new freshmen.

**Unit Reports/Announcements**

Sonya – FYC and TARC will move into the Student Success Center, located in Bolton 120. LINKS will continue to offer mentoring for multicultural students.

Ruth – When AOC will stop admitting students depends on where they are with the enrollment. However, there are no more spaces in the Bridge program.

Carla – June 19 is the deadline for the submission of Union Sociocultural Programming calendar. As part of the Distinguished Lecture Series, Ira Glass will be on campus on October 24, and Edwidge Danticat will be on campus on November 23.