Multicultural Student Center Committee  
May 14, 2009  
1:30 p.m., Bolton 196

Meeting Summary

Present: Michael Powell, Ruth Russell, Edwin Maldonado, Diane Amour, Channy Rasavong, Carmen Cepeda, Sonya Martin, Carla Cadet, Linda Huang, Susan Fields

Guest: Alice Jackson

Board of Regents Diversity Award

Linda distributed the nomination materials for the 2009-10 UW System Board of Regents Diversity Award. Each campus is eligible to submit up to three nominations – one in each of three categories: Individual, Team, and Institution/Unit. There is an internal deadline for UWM submission. Michael mentioned that it is important that UWM submits at least one nomination in each of the three categories. It was suggested that we nominate the multicultural programs for one of the awards.

AMSLC 2009

This year’s AMSLC will be held on October 16-18, 2009 at UW-Stevens Point. Extensive discussion followed regarding the review and selection of AMSLC attendees. A selection committee was created to review and select conference attendees. They are: Carla, Ruth, Susan, and Channy(?). Priority will be given to students who submitted an abstract for presentation at the conference. Linda mentioned that there are only a handful of students who have registered the conference. She will inform them about the review process.

Multicultural Center Hours

Michael informed everyone that there is a great possibility that support services, including multicultural offices, will remain open after 5 p.m. this fall. Student Affairs has been discussing this because of the recent tragedies.

Family Weekend & Campus Kick-Off

Alice talked about both events. The discussion is as follows:

Campus Kick-Off:
- It will begin on August 28 (move-in day) and ends on September 11th with the PantherFest at the Summerfest ground. Because of budget, the forecourt activities will be trimmed down a bit.
- There will be a series of open houses. The Multicultural Open House will be a part of this activity.
Family Weekend:

- It will be held on October 9-11, with Panther Prowl on Sunday, October 12.
- Diversity will be infused throughout the weekend program.
- Suggestions include:
  - Host a reception for multicultural families, with tabling of multicultural resources.
  - Make sure presentations (representations and topics) are diverse.
  - Include catfish for the Friday night Fish Fry, hot sauce and other condiments, and a diverse selection of desserts.
  - Keep cost of Family Weekend affordable.
  - Have set-aside slots for families of color since students of color may register late for NFO. Free tickets to attend the Family Weekend may be raffled off to families attending the multicultural orientation/welcome program.

Other

Ruth reported that UWM’s application (completed) deadline has been extended to August 1. AOC may close earlier than that date. There are 927 students admitted thus far, and may end with about 1,100 admits. About half will enroll at UWM.

For AOC Bridge, 72 students have registered for Session I and 30 for Session II. For those students who are required to attend the Bridge program, they will not be enrolled this fall if they do not complete the program.

Ruth also raised the concern that we are not invited to some of the multicultural graduation events. We need to be supporting each other’s programming.

There will be MSCC meetings during the summer. The dates are June 11, July 9, and August 13 at 1:30 p.m. in Bolton 196.