Multicultural Student Center Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
October 6, 2005
1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Union E220

Space and Move to Bolton Hall – Ruth Williams

Ruth discussed the move of MSC to Bolton Hall in January 2006. Physical Plant can also start working on Bolton 195 (AISS space) since it’s already vacant. Those two programs will be the first ones to move. Other programs will relocate in mid-spring 2006.

Shared Space Committee – Linda Huang

The committee will meet tomorrow, October 7, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the usage of Bolton 196 and 184. The committee will submit a proposal on how these shared spaces will be utilized.

MSC Roles and Responsibilities – Linda Huang

Per MSC mission and goals, its roles include facilitating the recruitment and retention of students. MSC will be involved in contacting prospective students to help increase the yield of students of color enrolling at UWM. It will also contact this semester’s new freshmen to makes sure that they are doing OK and ask if they have any questions.

A new brochure and website are needed for MSC. In order to communicate with all students of color, MSC will also create a PantherList for distribution of information.

Meetings with M/D and Other Programs – Linda Huang

Linda mentioned that MSC staff is in the process of meeting with various m/d programs on campus to talk about MSC roles, activities, and collaborations. A summary of these meetings will be shared with the advisory committee members at a later date.

Early Warning Programs – 4th and 6th Weeks

Tabled. This issue will be discussed at individual meetings of m/d programs with MSC staff.

Student Representatives – Linda Huang

Linda reiterated the need to bring students onto the advisory committee. The committee members felt that students should be added after MSC is more established and moved to Bolton Hall.

MRC Usage and New Name – Susan Fields

What should the MRC space be called? It was suggested that the name be changed since “Multicultural Resource Center” can be easily confused with “Multicultural Student Center.” It was suggested that the space be called “Multicultural Student Lounge.” A “Lounge” is more appropriate for students’ utilization of that space. Student workers will need to be hired to monitor the “Lounge,” which may be opened from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Alice will coordinate a cultural calendar, with workshops and meetings held at the Lounge. It was also suggested that LINKS mentors can staff and meet with their mentees in the Lounge.

MAC and AMSLC – Linda Huang

A lot of people have asked about MAC. Linda mentioned that the MAC may be reconvened (as it is an important committee to continue to exist) by the new Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Climate, after he/she is hired. That individual should be the chair of MAC. However, it’s up to that individual to reconstitute, rename, and/or reformat the structure of MAC.

UWM is expected to host AMSLC in October 2006, if funding is available.

Future Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on October 19, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Union E220. After that meeting, we will probably meet once a month – third Thursday of each month, same time and location.