Multicultural Student Center Committee Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2008
Bolton 196, 1:30 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Leonard White, Dao Vang, Carmen Cepeda, Ruth Russell, Victoria Pryor, Alice Jackson, Diane Amour, Edwin Maldonado, Linda Huang, Lisa Neumann (for Susan Fields), Michael Powell, Susan Fields

AMSLC

Linda reported that she has not heard from UW-Oshkosh regarding any registrants from UWM, even though she knows a few students have registered for the conference. The deadline keeps on changing. Right now, abstract submission deadline is July 18, and registration deadline is September 30.

Linda inquired about the possibility of each multicultural office identifying and paying for their students to attend the conference @ $160 per student. Dao said he doesn’t have any money, but it’s a possibility with other offices. Linda also mentioned that there will be some students attending from CEAS’ summer program.

To reduce the number of no-shows, a $20 cash deposit has been instituted for this year’s registration process.

2008-09 Meeting Dates

MSC Committee meetings will be held on a monthly basis on second Wednesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. Linda will schedule the 2008-09 meetings and let everyone know.

Welcome Week Activities

Michael stated that it’s important for multicultural offices to make a first impression for students, particularly new students, during the Campus Kick-Off welcome week.

Alice mentioned that she has talked to Campus Kick-Off planners/administrators about inserting diversity in orientations and workshops, including meet and greet multicultural faculty/staff events. This year’s welcome events pretty much modeled after last year’s programs.

At the last AACC meeting, Michael talked about enhancing orientation programs with diversity. He feels strongly that diversity should be infused into every aspects of the institution. He will be meeting with Helen Mamarchev this Friday to talk about Student Affairs leading the student diversity efforts.

Alice asked everyone to review the campus kick-off grid and get back to her by this Friday for any changes and additions. She will email an electronic version of the grid to everyone.
It was decided that we will have a Multicultural Open House on Thursday, September 4 from 10:30 to 1:30 p.m. Edwin felt it was good to have the open house event coincide with the campus resource fair. AOC usually has its open house during third week of school or in October, but will co-sponsor the Multicultural Open House with us. Linda will reserve Bolton 196 for AOC to use on September 4.

Alice inquired about the possibility for Multicultural Student Lounge to be involved in the House Party on September 3 from 2 to 5 p.m. Information can also be disseminated to students at that time.

**Multicultural Program – September 17**

Union Ballroom has been reserved for this event from 11 to 2 p.m. “Experience Diversity,” a welcoming program for new freshmen, is one of the titles being suggested. Other suggestions include:

- Invite administrators and faculty to the event.
- Assign administrators and faculty to tables so they will interact with students.
- Include a resource fair of student organizations and multicultural offices

Linda will schedule a meeting of multicultural offices to discuss logistics for both the Multicultural Open House and Experience Diversity events.

**Multicultural Graduation Ceremony**

Michael asked about the possibility of having a banquet or reception for multicultural students. A suggestion was made that it be held on a Saturday. Dao mentioned that only three out of 50 Southeast Asian graduates attended the current graduation program/reception. Susan said that attendance at the current program is about 10% among the four race/ethnic groups.

In addition to participation at the graduation program/reception, Roberto Hernandez Center has its own graduation banquet/ceremony in May, and American Indian graduates are honored at a city-wide program for Milwaukee’s American Indian graduates. AOC also has its own graduation banquet/ceremony.

This topic will be discussed further in the future.

**Prospective/Admitted Student Programs**

Leonard reported that 36 students attended the U@UWM program (77% show rate); 32 of these students matriculated at UWM. This program will be implemented again next spring. An overnight program for prospective students may be planned for fall 2008. Alice was contacted about fall 08 events so the program can be linked to one of those events.

For U-Visits:
- Implemented a total of 18 programs
• 1,354 students participated from 67 schools
• 579 were seniors (eligible to apply to UWM)
• 226 applications were submitted to UWM
  o 66 conditional admits
  o 54 matriculated
  o Other status (57 incomplete applications, 15 withdrew their applications, 4 deferred decision (admission reviews), 3 deferred enrollment (term changes), and 18 denied admission

Other

Ruth reported on AOC admits, Bridge Program, and the MATC dual enrollment program:

Admits:
• A total of 771 students were admitted to AOC
• 388 are students of color (204 African Americans, 6 American Indians, 19 Asians, 64 Latino/as, 55 Southeast Asians, and 40 multi-ethnic students)
• 383 white/other students (366 whites and 17 other/unknown students)

Bridge Program:
• Session I is from June 23 to July 18: 79 students were invited to participate, 69 is currently enrolled, but about 3 to 4 students will not make the cut due to absences, quality of work, etc. 16 students live in the residence halls.
• Session II is from July 21 to August 15: 52 students have registered for the program.

MATC/UWM dual enrollment program:
• 77 students are currently admitted to this program (they have been denied admission from UWM first)
• 34 students were enrolled in this program last year. Only 1 transferred to UWM last spring.

Ruth also reported that this is 40th anniversary of AOC. They are planning a celebration between now and December. Hopefully the event will occur before Thanksgiving. All are invited to attend. AOC is currently searching to fill two to three vacant positions. The two unclassified positions are for an assistant director-instruction and an advisor.