Multicultural Student Center Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2006
2 p.m., Bolton 196


Brief Announcements

Diversity website
- New UWM website with diversity link will be available on December 22, 2006. The diversity website focus group results are on the web at http://www.4.uwm.edu/employeedeivweb/1detail.cfm.
- On the main diversity webpage, there will be News, Events (link to USP events), and Snapshots/Profiles. Other headers may include Student Services, Student Organizations/Clubs, Academics, Research, Faculty/Staff, Community, About UWM, About Milwaukee. There may be another set of menu, “No one is alone,” for students/community members who are interested in race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and differently abled information.

RiverView learning community
- The new residence hall, located at North and Humboldt, will be available for new freshmen in fall 2007.
- Shuttle buses will be available for transporting students to/from campus.
- Discussion is underway to perhaps offer paired classes, service opportunities, tutoring, mentoring, computer lab, library, and other activities for students.
- Learning community may include special interest sections/floors, e.g., art, business, multicultural, etc.
- Cost in the new residence hall will be higher than the Sandburg Halls because of the new structure, not because of the availability of a learning community.
- Both living in residence halls and participating in learning communities have shown to improve student retention.

TOPJobs (State of Wisconsin summer affirmative action internship program)
- Application is available; jobs offered mostly in the Madison area, but compensation is nice.
- Program is always looking for students of color to apply; application deadline is March 1, 2007.
- If need be, program coordinator is willing to speak to student groups.
- To better inform students about the program, it would be nice to know what agencies and ethnic breakdown of students who participated in last summer’s program. Linda will find out and let everyone know the answers.
Multicultural Open House

- February 14, 2007 is the first-choice date.
- In addition to Bolton Hall activities, food and beverages will be provided in the Multicultural Student Lounge; Union Sociocultural Programming would also like to participate on that day.
- $5,000 budget has been reduced; it would be nice to provide each office with $500 for food and activities.

SA Multicultural Issues Director

Christopher Wiley was not present at the meeting.

Admission of AOC Students of Color for Fall 2007

- AOC accepted 123 students; only 13 were students of color.
- Of the 601 applicants of color, 215 have been accepted to UWM.
- How can we get the remaining students of color to complete applications so they can be accepted to UWM or AOC?
- Recruitment strategies under discussion include:
  - Application fee waivers
  - ACT Prep program expansion
  - Application assistance onsite (in high schools)
  - Additional scholarships
  - Additional housing space

Upcoming & Spring 2007 MSC Events

- November 16, 2006 – Summit: Revisiting Issues and Solutions for Violence and Hate, Union E240, 10-1 p.m., lunch is included.
- November 21, 2006 – AMSLC debriefing meeting and appreciation lunch for planning committee members and volunteers, Bolton 196, 11:30-1:15 p.m. for lunch & 1:30-3 p.m. for meeting.
- February 15, 2007 – I am First, MSL, 12-1:30 p.m.
- February 22, 2007 – The Best Things in Life are FREE, MSL, 12-1:30 p.m.
- March 1, 2007 – Preparing for Diversity Career Day, MSL, 12-1:30 p.m.
- March 8, 2007 – Diversity Career Day, Union Wisconsin Room, 10-2 p.m.
- March 15, 2007 – The Stereotyping of American Indians and the Lessons for America, MSL, 12-1:30 p.m.
- May 3, 2007 – Preparing for Just in Time Job Fair, MSL, 12-1:30 p.m.
- May 10, 2007 – End of Semester Stress Buster, MSL, 12-1:30 p.m.

AMSLC Summary Evaluation

- Overall evaluation suggested that students had a great experience, with highest ratings for keynote speakers.
Career and Graduate School Fair received the lowest rating. Suggestions include having more employers from diverse career areas.

A debriefing meeting/lunch will be held on November 21 to talk about conference evaluation results in more detail.

**Round Robin**

- Edwin – Roberto Hernandez Center will host a Christmas Party on December 1, 2006 in the Sandburg Halls from maybe 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. This cultural celebration will include music, dance, and food.
- Antonio – LSU has joined with Asian Student Advancement to work on issues affecting multicultural organizations and student retention on campus. Focus will be on:
  - Coordination of multicultural student organizations
  - Improvement of campus climate
- Antonio – Suggested the creation of a multicultural resource library, such as the one in AISS. A proposal will be submitted to MSC for consideration.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 2 p.m. in Bolton 196.