Multicultural Network Meeting Summary  
Thursday, October 8, 2015  
2-3:30 p.m., Bolton 196

Present: Diane Amour, Victoria Pryor, Kelby Spann, Linda Huang, Dao Vang, Twyla McGhee, Alejandra Lopez, Warren Scherer, Alberto Maldonado, Gaby Dorantes, Gricelda Estrada, Kelley Tipton (guest), Brian Williams (guest)

Norris Health Center Presentation – Kelley Tipton and Brian Williams  
Kelley and Brian presented on the Suicide Prevention Project, which is designed to support the emotional wellness of students, and provide resources to those who are in distress. Information are available on the UWM mental health website and video.

Quick Guide to Addressing Distressed or Disruptive Students packets were distributed and explained in detail. It included sections on IDENTIFY, ASSESS, and TAKE ACTION/REFER. Different resources are available for a distressed student (Norris Health Center) and disruptive student (Dean of Students Office). ACT is acronym for Acknowledge, Care, Treatment (referral to resources).

Training sessions are available for faculty/staff and student leaders to recognize warning signs (for distress and disruptive behaviors). Booster sessions are also available, funded by the suicide prevention grants. Anyone interested should contact Kelley.

Panther Foundation for Success – Victoria and Alejandra  
A listserv of about 425 students has been created to distribute PFFS info. Eligible applicants need to have a 2.75 GPA majoring in Business or Engineering. Two info sessions have been conducted with only 7 attendees. Application deadline is October 23rd.

There were 7 interns last year, and Rockwell has offered 8 internship positions this year. Victoria shared the PFFS website info and distributed business cards. Alejandra mentioned that the program is open to freshmen and sophomores this year. She also mentioned that 3 interns were featured in the Lubar Business’s newsletter for participating in a Supply Chain partnership (Anthony Ross). These students will go back to their internship positions the following summer.

Board of Regents Diversity Awards – Linda  
Linda distributed information about the awards and encouraged everyone to apply for them in one of the 3 categories: Individual, Team, Institution/Unit. Nomination deadline is October 30, 2015.

AMSLC 2016 – Warren  
Students who had attended the 2015 AMSLC requested that UWM host next year’s conference. Two of these students will co-chair, and 3 Student Affairs staff will support them in planning this conference. Since the UWS IDEASS office has been eliminated, 2016 may be the last year that AMSLC will be implemented.

The conference will be held from Thursday through Saturday on April 21-13, 2016. On Thursday at 2-6 p.m., there will be a career and internship fair where students will get professional head shots for LinkedIn. From 2-4 p.m., the fair is open to UWM students, and from 4-6 p.m., the fair will be
opened exclusively to AMSLC participants. At 6 p.m., there will a corporate sponsored reception for AMSLC attendees. It is expected that 400 students will attend this conference at $100 registration fee per person (late registration fee is $150). There may be a discounted registration cost for UWM students. The estimated expenditure is about $65,000 so sponsors are needed.

On Saturday, April 23rd, the conference will end with the Cultural Entertainment Night performances. Claudia will support the program and talent (keynotes and performers); Gina Nicoli will support the leadership and experience; and Warren will help with registration and fundraising. Alejandra mentioned that she has contacts at Baird.

Students are having a meeting next week, where all multicultural student organizations are invited to participate.

**Study Abroad Diversity Scholarship – Linda**
Linda mentioned that about 30 students applied for this scholarship. The review committee is reading the applications. A selected number of applicants will be moved to the interview phase, based on committee reviews.

**Lawton Scholars Program – Warren**
Warren has lists of students by schools/colleges. Requirements are somewhat different for freshmen/sophomores vs. juniors/seniors. Students who fall below the full time status before the FA census date will be dropped from the program. Money from dropped students will be awarded to those on the waiting list.

Students will receive $2,500 this academic year – an increase of $500 from last year. Success Advocates will continue to receive $4,000 for the academic year.

**Question:** Has the number of students of color studying abroad increased because of the diversity scholarship?

**Academic Advising Task Group/Academic Staff Committee – Warren**
A copy of the draft recommendations from AATG was distributed. Because UWM has to address the $30 million hole, ASC recommended layoffs instead of non-renewables so these employees can get unemployment benefits.

**AASAS & AISS – Susan & Diane**
The requests to fill Susan and Diane’s positions has left the L&S dean’s office. They are at the Provost’s (Chapman Hall) level.

**Enrollment – Alberto**
The goal is to recruit 3,300 students for fall 2016. U-Visits will be changed from 8-10 events to 3 this year: December, March, and May. They will look different, but are still for students of color at partnership schools.