Multicultural Network Meeting Summary
Thursday, March 12, 2015
1:30-3:00 p.m., Bolton 196

Present: Alejandra Lopez, Gabriela Dorantes, Kelby Spann, Linda Huang, Diane Amour, Ramona Sledge, Gary Williams, Susan Fields, Gricelda Estrada, Warren Scherer, Victoria Pryor, Kyle Swanson (guest)

Brief Updates
- Future of Lawton & AOP funds – Warren provided updates on the funding status of Lawton and AOP in 2015-16. The governor’s proposal is to remove the language for these m/d programs from the state statutes. This means that it will be up to the Board of Regents policies (not yet established) to continue the funding and programs. This also means that the status for funding/programs can change at any time. The Student Success Advocates have created talking points to present at the upcoming public hearing and other forums in support of the Lawton program.
- LeaderShape Institute for African American men – For the first time, Warren received funding exclusively to send 2 African American males to the Institute. Warren also has funding to send 5 other students to this Institute. Criteria include students who are enrolled next year (no seniors) with a 2.5 or higher GPA, and involved in campus activities. Both Institutes are 6 days in length, held in August in Champaign, IL. Registration fee is $975, which includes lodging and meals, but not transportation. Application deadline is at the end of spring break.
- FOC budget response letter & resolution – Linda mentioned budget response letter sent by the Faculty of Color Steering Committee to Chancellor Mone on a number of m/d-related issues. The letter requested that the Chancellor respond in 10 working days. Linda also shared a copy of the resolution (along with the Chapter 36 details) drafted by the steering committee for everyone, including community members and organizations/agencies, to sign. She reminded everyone that a public hearing will be held on 3/20/15 by the JFC at Alverno College. An electronic version of the FOC resolution and Chapter 36 details will be emailed to everyone.
- Applied/Admitted data – Linda share the latest numbers. The applied/admitted numbers for students of color and overall students for summer/fall 2015 are higher than last year’s numbers.

Math Pathways – Kyle Swanson
The Math 94 pathway was created to allow students to succeed in math courses. In the fall 2014 Math 94 classes, American Indian (1 student) and Southeast Asian students did well. Of those students who did not do well, they were encouraged to take the winterim boot camp. Kyle mentioned that they lost about 20-30 students during the winterim session, and would like to make that class mandatory in the future. He also mentioned that the winterim online class didn’t work well.

Of the students who are taking Math 105 this semester, 75% are doing C or better right now. About 10% of the students have not gotten to ALEKS yet. Kyle stated that ALEKS is important for
student learning, where students “teach” themselves. Students should work on ALEKS one hour per day for five days a week to be successful.

Some of the proposed changes for fall 2015 may include:
- Making Math 94 a smaller class size – from 28/29 to 22 (in spring 2015)
- Adding the ALEKS course fee to the tuition bill.
- Co-teaching Math 94 with Ed Psych 104 – for students to be more successful in studying and completing math courses. There may be other courses that can be linked as well.
- Allocating some sections for the AOC learning community.

Some suggestions and comments with regard to the pathways are:
- Students who put in hours in ALEKS and are still struggling should work with their instructors.
- Students who cram ALEKS at the end of semester generally do not do well.
- If there are other study skills courses, please email Kyle so the list can be expanded for linking to math courses.
- UW System is working on common definition for college readiness so there may be changes in the future.

**AMSLC**
Warren stated that the office committing funds for AMSLC will automatically get a slot for its student; otherwise, all students will go through an application process. Students are leaving campus on Thursday, April 23, 2015 and returning to campus on Sunday, April 26, 2015. The request to the Provost yielded $4,000 (out of the $7,500 total request for 10 students). The cost is approximately $400 per student.

**Invited Guests/Topics for Next Meeting: April 9, 2015**
Triena Bodart is still on the agenda for the next meeting. She doesn’t know if she is able to provide the requested work study data. Other topics may include: Academic Advising Task Group and Budget Planning Task Force.

**Announcements/Other**
- AISS recently hired Michael Zimmerman as the half-time advisor.
- Lubar Spring Network Forum: The Value of Networking in Professional Organizations will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 5:30-7pm in Zelazo 250.
- Alejandra suggested that someone from the multicultural offices do an update at the ACN meetings. Because Gary Cooper-Sperber is at every meeting, it makes sense that he represents the multicultural offices to provide the updates.