

Multicultural Student Center Committee

April 9, 2009

1:30 p.m., Bolton 196

Meeting Summary

Present: Susan Fields, Michael Powell, Linda Huang, Victoria Pryor, Carmen Cepeda, Sonya Gladney, Carla Cadet, Diane Amour, Edwin Maldonado, Dao Vang, Ruth Russell, Tyler Draheim, Kristi Anderson

Brief Updates

- ***UW System Inclusive Excellence*** – UW System is facilitating a new initiative in place of the next Plan 2008. Inclusive Excellence is a process for each campus to establish a comprehensive and well-coordinated set of systematic actions that focus specifically on fostering greater diversity, equity, inclusion, and accountability at the every level of university life. UW System may be scheduling a campus visit in the future.
- ***DRO Prospective Student Project/Talisma CRM*** – DRO is working with UITS to acquire a product that will track prospect student engagement and contacts. Talisma CRM presented a demo on campus for stakeholders. There is a cost to this product, which is currently under discussion.
- ***Campus Kick-Off/Multicultural Open House*** – The Campus Kick-Off Committee has begun to meet to discuss events, including the Pantherfest. Linda mentioned some challenges that were experienced at last year's Pantherfest. The new multicultural welcome program will be part of these events, as well as perhaps the Multicultural Open House. Linda will contact everyone about the Open House in late summer.
- ***Family Weekend*** – The committee has begun to meet to discuss the 2nd annual Family Weekend, which will be held on October 9-10, 2009. They are interested in getting more multicultural families to participate so suggestions are welcome. Alice Jackson has been invited to the next meeting to talk more about the Campus Kick-Off and Family Weekend programs.
- ***Building Unity Conference*** – This United Council conference, co-sponsored with UWM Student Association, will be held on campus on April 24-26, 2009. Tyler and Kristi from the UWM Student Association encouraged more students and staff to attend. This year's conference has a strong emphasis on diversity and inclusion. Linda distributed copies of the registration form.
- ***National McNair Conference*** – This conference will be held on November 6-8, 2009 at the Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, WI. For the first time, planning for this conference has been passed onto UWM's McNair program. A planning committee is being formed to implement the conference, and some MSCC members will be identified to join the

committee. Michael mentioned that it is important for UWM to have a strong presence (schools/colleges, administrators, faculty/staff, etc.) at this conference. About 800 students will apply to attend the conference, but the facility can only accommodate about 600 participants.

- ***Orientation Course*** – Ruth mentioned that discussion is underway to create this course for about 150 students to educate them about campus community and resources. The proposal is for a 4-week non-credit course that may start around the third week of classes. Incentives may include priority scheduling. Tyler indicated that SA has passed a resolution to offer a mandatory course on safety.
- ***Extended Orientation Program*** – The First Year Center is planning an extended orientation program for new freshmen that will include a social justice/diversity component on September 1, 2009.

MSC & Bolton Hall Changes

Michael mentioned that FYC and LINKS will move to the old DRO space, current MSC space will become the new American Indian Education Institute, the new Black Cultural Center will occupy the current TARC space, and OUR (Office of Undergraduate Research) will occupy the current FYC space.

Both mentoring and tutoring will share the same space to offer one-stop-shop services. Computers in Bolton 184 will be gone. Some will be located in FYC and the rest will be in BCC.

Discussions followed regarding the elimination of the Bolton 184 resource room, as well as the changing of MSC to BCC. Michael stated that historical multicultural programs will be continued. It was also suggested that BCC be named after a prominent individual or UWM's first African American graduate.

Announcements

Ruth – The AOC 40th anniversary celebration and graduation banquet is on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Edwin – The RHC banquet to celebrate Latino/a graduates is on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Susan – The AASAS graduation reception is on Wednesday, May 6 in Greene Hall.

Diane – The all-city American Indian graduation ceremony is on May 21, 2009.

Dao – The graduation event for Southeast Asian (sponsored by HSA) is on May 3, 2009. Tou Saiko Lee performance is this Saturday at 6-11 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Carla – Submission of fall 2009 calendars is due soon. Diversity Night is next Friday at 7 p.m. in the Union Wisconsin Room (sponsored by the African Student Association).

Tyler – The SA block party is on Saturday, April 18 from 1 to 7 p.m. at Hartford and maybe Downer. There will be bands playing. SA is looking for involvement from departments. The next Senate meeting is on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Fireside Lounge.