

Diversity Committee Minutes: January 13, 2015

Attendees: Wes Taylor, Kathi Rusch, Deborah Selbach, Ricki Walters, Tracy Stokes-Hernandez, Dr. Anade Long-Jacobs, Nicole Hamilton, Xavion Turey, Teresa Neubert

Welcome: Tracy

Approval of agenda: Kathi motioned to add discussion item—Jami Utt and to make sure that her name was correctly spelled in all diversity committee minutes. Kathi motioned to approve. Wes seconded.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Ricki motioned to approve. Dr. Long-Jacobs seconded.

Announcements: None

Discussion items:

- Mini Training- Circles of My Multicultural Self (Ricki)

Ricki led the group in an activity “Circles of My Multicultural Self.” We were to ask questions of ourselves about how we identified. And we shared both positive and negative experiences that we’ve had, related to our identity. Ricki asked us to examine what our identity meant to us, how often we examined ourselves, and why should we?

- Diversity Plan—(Tracy)

Tracy reported that she sent our most recent draft of the plan to the committee for comments and that it had been amended. She then submitted the diversity plan to the cabinet. It will be reviewed by the cabinet in February.

- Subcommittee Reports

Common Read Event with David Shipler (Kathi)

Kathy reported that David Shipler had agreed to come to present at a common read event on both campuses. She said that she had a “To Do” list for his visit and that she was seeking volunteers. These are the details of the visit that she reported:

- 24-hour timeframe for his visit
- Arrives on Tues., April 14
- We need someone to pick him up from the airport and drive him to Faribault.
- Evening meet/greet/light supper with student senate, cabinet, Diversity Committee members. Dr. Long-Jacobs is helping to cover the details and arrange funding for the evening meal through diversity funds. She asked that someone else take care of arranging and providing funding for the North Mankato lunch the next day.
- The next morning, we need a Diversity Committee member to drive him to North Mankato to participate in some morning classes.
- There will be a morning lunch.
- He will present his keynote from 12-12:50, and he needs to be driven to the airport immediately after his keynote.

- We need to decide how many people to invite to the North Mankato lunch and what pools of money to pull from to fund the lunch. Someone suggested inviting about 20 people. Ricki suggested pulling money from the Global Ed. fund. Kathi said she would ask Dr. Tarnowski to also search for funding.
- Kathi is asking for volunteers—she asked Nicole and Xavion if either could pick up David at the airport sometime between 1:30 and 3:30. Xavion is going to ask for permission to do so from his supervisor. Tracy asked Kathi to send out an email as to what needs to be done so that people can volunteer.

GMDC Luncheon (Greater Mankato Diversity Committee Luncheon)

This event will be Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 11:45-1:00 at the Verizon Center. The following people are planning to attend:

Deborah, Dr. Long-Jacobs, Dr. Roan, Wes, Kathi, and Tracy. There are still 2 spots available. Please let Tracy know if you are interested in going.

Synapse Presentation Feb 3 (Teresa)

This event on gender identity will take place in Conference Center C in North Mankato and in C23 in Faribault. Nicole has agreed to bring handouts to C23 for the Faribault ITV presentation. Teresa thanked all members for their support as she prepared for the session.

Pan African Conference Collaboration with MSU (Dr. Long-Jacobs)

Dr. Long Jacobs asked that we table this discussion until next time we meet. She said she would get the dates to us for posting in the minutes.

Other

Jamie Utt—We are still working on a date for him to come. Possible dates are 3/30, 4/6-4/7, 4/16-17, 4/20-22, and 4/27-30. Xavion suggested asking him to come April 28. The committee agreed on this request. The time that we will request him to come will be 11-2:00 so that FYE classes, staff, and faculty may attend. Jamie will present in the NM conference center. Nicole was asked to reserve C36 or C37 for ITV to Faribault.

Jason Sole Presentation Evaluation Results—(Author of *From Prison to Ph. D.*) 44 people attended. 39/44 reported being “very satisfied” with the event. Many left positive comments on the inspirational/motivational qualities of the presentation.

Faribault Diversity Coalition—Nicole reported that the coalition would be meeting this evening (Jan. 13) from 4-5:00 and that she would be attending. She asked for ideas to take forward to the coalition. It was suggested that she let the coalition know of SCC diversity events that were open to the public. She was also asked to mention the global event that SCC Faribault is hoping to host in the future every other year so that the coalition might collaborate with SCC.

Adjournment: Tracy