



Diversity Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 9:00 10:30 a.m.
Faribault: C36, North Mankato: C129

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ricki Walters, Teresa Neubert, Nicole Hamilton, Xavion Turey, Jane Greathouse, Mitzi Kennedy, Peter Wruck, Bukata Hayes (Mankato Area Diversity Council), Brent Underdahl (Student/Faribault)

Welcome & Approval of Agenda: Nicole/Agenda motion, Al, Second, Xavion

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were taken at the June 16, 2015 meeting

Discussion Items

Cabinet Feedback of Committee Proposal

Peter Wruck led discussion on this topic. He stated that when the proposal was reviewed by the cabinet they felt the goals were fairly lofty and wanted more specifics on what the deliverables were going to entail. They indicated the goals would need to be fleshed out more to be more specific and measurable.

First concern was expressed about the Neurodiversity Series with Temple Grandin. She is coming to SCC in relation to the Ag Symposium in February and she would be presenting on this topic in the evening to a community forum. Question as to whether we really wanted to attempt to schedule her again over the noon hour that day for a diversity presentation and also that this was moving away from the theme of civil rights. In the end the committee voted to table the Temple Grandin presentation on behalf of the Diversity Committee.

Jane Greathouse offered to perform a crosswalk to connect the dots on the Charting the Future document to the Diversity Plan to the current years proposal.

Workgroups for the current Academic Year

Nicole suggested that we look at what we believed should be the current workgroup structure for this academic year.

We currently have not organized for the Common Read for this year. We as a group need to establish a list of potential books for the read, get that information out to everyone to vote on this, then report back as to the book selected, and finally set a timeline for the event as a whole and provide structure on how this will take place. Teresa volunteered to come up with what the goals for the Common Read should include. A vote was taken to move forward on the Common Read timeline and structure, motioned by Peter, second by Mitzi, all in favor.

Nicole in the end stated that she would send out an email to the committee as a whole to solicit what everyone felt should be the specific workgroups for this academic year and find who was interested in serving on which.

Motion to adjourn by Nicole, second Peter, meeting adjourned.

The next Diversity Committee meeting will be October 13, 1pm.

Minutes by Al Kluever