

LSC Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2008 - E2028 (Workforce Development Conf. Room)

Membership:

Tim Benson, Janet Blixt, Carl Crawford, Nick Elias, Wade Gordon, Betsy Ingram-Diver, Roger Johnson, Stacy Johnston, Mary Nienaber, Anup Parajuli, Georgia Robillard, Nancy Schumacher, Amy Jo Swing, Celeste Zuinga. Members present are underlined.

Agenda Item Discussion:

1. New Diversity Director

The committee welcomed LSC's new Intercultural Services Coordinator, Carl Crawford.

2. Book Club

The committee discussed plans to collaborate with CTL (Center for Teaching and Learning) to host a book club, with *Three Cups of Tea* as the first book selection. Books have been ordered and should be arriving on campus soon. Discussion meetings will be arranged for February and March. Author Greg Mortenson will be speaking in Duluth on Wednesday, March 19th.

3. Quiet Space Request

Wade Gordon gave the committee an update on the quiet space request. He is working with Vice President Mark Winson to determine whether space can be allocated on campus for such a request. The committee reaffirmed its support of designating such a space on campus.

4. "Interacting with the Muslim Community" training session recap

Wade Gordon, Carl Crawford and Nancy Schumacher gave the committee a brief recap of the "Interacting with the Muslim Community" training session they attended at CSS. They were very impressed with the presenter and the training session. The committee discussed organizing a similar training session for the LSC community.

5. 2007 – 2008 Events

- MLK Day – Carl Crawford discussed events planned for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 21st: a free community breakfast starts at 7 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church (2430 W. 3rd St. in Duluth); the citywide march starts at 11:15 a.m. at Washington Center (corner of 4th St. & Lake Ave.); and the rally begins in the DECC at 11:45 a.m.
- Mixed Blood Theatre will be bringing the production Black Eagle to campus on Thursday, January 31st, at 12:30 in the Atrium.
- The committee discussed bringing Teatro del Pueblo to campus in the spring in conjunction with an international/diversity celebration. The committee discussed collaborating with the Environmental Council and incorporating diversity activities with earth day activities. A small subcommittee will meet to brainstorm ideas for a spring celebration.
- Nancy Schumacher is beginning to plan events for Women's History Month in March.
- Tim Benson is organizing a panel discussion on immigration rights and issues, tentatively planned for April 24 or April 29.
- Disability Services plans to bring a Choice Unlimited BOLD performance to campus in April.

6. Kurdish Rights Speaker

The committee discussed bringing a Kurdish rights speaker to campus this spring, possibly in collaboration with UMD and CSS.

7. Other Items

There were no other items for discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Stacy Johnston.