Presidents Commission on Diversity
MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2009
Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 am
CSU 238

President’s Commission on Diversity Members Present:
Co-Chairs: Linda Duckett, Michael Fagin.
Members: Jessica Flatequal, Thomas Gjersvig, Linda Hanson, Kelly Meier, Amy Mukamuri,
Melissa Van Winkle, Wanda Viento, Ryan Yunkers.
Graduate Assistant: Matthew Coffman
Others Present: Michelle Oman

Regrets: Kelly Biers, Matthew Carlson, Kellian Clink, Reggie Edwards, Jeffrey Halbur, Missy
Manderfeld, Ricardo Muggli, Jerry Robicheau, Julie Snow

Procedudings:

Meeting Called to Order. Meeting agenda approved.

I. Report on the Dr. Betty Young Youth Sports Camp-Michelle Oman
   - Michelle Oman, Assistant Women’s Track Coach, reported the name change of “Share
     the Dream” Sports camp to Dr. Betty Young Youth Sports Camp to honor Betty’s legacy.
   - Almost 80 kids were in attendance on June 27, 2009. Both the kids and parents enjoyed
     the day camp and look forward to next year.
   - T-shirts were made with a list of sponsors on the back.
   - Account established for excess funds for next years camp.
   - Amy suggested commissioners volunteer as a support. Michael suggested seeking extra
     funding from one of his contacts.

II. Diversity Summit
   - Co-chairs met with the President, and suggested to meet with the sub-committee
     regarding the focus on global, intellectual diversity.
   - Suggested a combined event for: students, faculty, and staff.
   - Global awareness, and focus on being a Doctoral University.
   - Sub-committee to hone in on specific topics the Summit should address.
   - Meeting will be scheduled between the Co-Chairs and the sub-committee to discuss
     further possibilities.

III. Budget
   - Budget proposed.
   - Michael proposed the conversation continue regarding secured funding for next years
     budgets, very critical.
   - Co-chairs will draft a letter to the President thanking him for the restoration of money to
     the budgets for two of the offices represented by the commission.

IV. Employee Resource Fair-Matthew
   - The commission will have a table at the Fair on September 2 in the CSU ballroom.
     Matthew Coffman our GA will be setting-up and the commission needs volunteers to
     man the booth throughout the Fair.
V. Report on the Jim Chalgren Center-Jessica
   - Last November, met their $100,000 endowment goal and will be rededicated as the Jim Chalgren Center.
   - The center is to be built over holiday break, across the hall from the current center. Jessica to update the progress throughout the semester.

VI. Diversity Institute Schedule and Update-Kelly M
   - Edge (level one) was held July 29, and 30 at 7700 France in Edina. Twenty-two individuals attended the two-day event from all over the state. MSU representatives were the facilitators and presenters for the event.
   - Edge (level two) will be held in December. Participants can attend without level one, but will need to take level one and level two to be able to attend level three.
   - Edge (level three) too early to discuss, but will be expanded and possibly be a week long intensive.
   - Diversity Education Fall 2009 was electronically mailed and is available online on the Institutional Diversity’s website.
   - Diversity Education will be piloting student sessions. Students will need to register for these events and be approved by Kelly.
   - Kelly handed out the pamphlets for both the Edge Program and Diversity Education schedule for the fall.

VII. Other
   - Pridefest will be held September 11th and 12th noon to five at Sibley Park. It was suggested to have a diversity table at the event.

Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 10:30 to 11:30 am in CSU 238.