Presidents Commission on Diversity
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2009
Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 am
CSU 238

President’s Commission On Diversity (PCD) Members
Present: Matthew D. Carlson; Linda Duckett, co-chair; Michael Fagin, ex officio; Jesus Hernandez Mejia; Srinivas Rao Mallela, graduate assistant; Ricardo Muggli; Amy Mukamuri; Julie Snow; Amanda Timmer, graduate assistant; Melissa Van Winkle; Wanda Viento; Ryan L. Yunkers

Regrets: Kelly Douglas Biers; Kellian Clink; Reggie Edward; Jessica Flatequal; Thomas Gjersvig; Jeffrey Halbur; Linda Hanson; Doris Hill; Kelly Meier; Jerry Robicheau

Proceedings:

I. Meeting Called to Order. Meeting Agenda Approved.
   • We discussed St. Patrick’s Day traditions and origins.

II. Budget – Discussion
   • We discussed our budget and allocations for the coming year.
   • Members expressed concerns about how budget cuts impact areas with already small budgets.
     o Cutting these areas paralyzes them.
     o We need to find which areas are at risk and find ways to help these areas.
     o These areas are needed because they help students learn in and out of the classroom.
   • Mike stated that this was our time to speak about these issues and suggested that we discuss this issue at our meeting with the President on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.
     o We agreed with this suggestion.

III. Support Purple and Gold Courses
   • Ryan discussed how the information presented in our last meeting by Scott Olson and Julie Kerr-Berry helped him
integrate that information into his charge group (Charge 4 & 10: Honors Program and Convocation Requirement).

IV. Announce Diversity Grant Winners – Julie Snow and Melissa Van Winkle

- The Diversity Grant winners were:
  - Jocelyn Stitt - Faculty, $300.00 award
  - Shane Bowyer – Faculty, $300.00 award
  - Jeffrey Thomae – Student, $500.00 award
- Julie shared information about the projects the winners were working on and said that the winners will present their findings for the Diversity Institute next year.
- Julie said that there were more applicants for the spring than the fall.
- Julie and Melissa would like to fine-tune the selection criteria if there are sufficient funds to offer the grant next year.
- The Commissioners thanked Julie, Melissa, and those who helped.

V. Meeting with the President on Tuesday, April 14, 2009

- We talked about what items should be on the agenda for our meeting with the President.
  - We discussed several ideas for agenda items including:
    - Values and beliefs
    - Our letter to the President regarding budget cuts
    - Designated office space
    - Mike’s proposed reorganization chart
    - Update on charge committees

VI. Preparing Annual Report

- We discussed how we would format our charge committee reports to include on the report.
  - We decided that committee members should list the charge, report the action that was taken as well as the committee’s recommendation.
Commitees should have a rough draft in bullet points of their reports by our meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Commitees should also send a copy of their reports to Linda, Mike, and the graduate assistants linda.duckett@mnsu.edu, michael.fagin@mnsu.edu, srinivas-rao.mallela@mnsu.edu, amanda.timmer@mnsu.edu.

VII. Reorganization Chart
- Mike presented a reorganization chart to the group.
- Mike asked us to look at it and respond to him with our opinions on his proposal.

VIII. Upcoming Events
- Amy told us the Warrior to Citizen exhibit would begin on Monday, March 23, 2009. There will be an exhibit kick off on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 6 pm and Jesus will be speaking at this event.
- Mike announced the beginning of a community connections program that would support international students.

IX. The meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETINGS, Spring 2009

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:30

March
- 31 CSU 238

April
- 14 CSU 202—with the President
- 21 CSU 204
- 30 CSU 238
  - Thursday—note change of date