

DIVERSITY CAUCUS MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

HLC101

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by Brenda Safford

Attendees: Melissa Fama, Byron Thomas, James Brennan, Liz Woods, Amy Beaudry, Ben Wendorf, Nancy Donohue Berthiaume, Opeyemi Odewale, Deborah Gonzalez, Terry Vecchio, Karyn Finneron, Lisa Connelly Cook, Gilmarie Vongphakdy, Gaelan Benway, Kristy Glover, Brenda Safford, Selina Boria
Review of 10/22/19 Meeting Notes – approved.

1. 19-20 Funding Requests:

- a. **Budget Update** – Selina presented an overview of the budget noting \$2000 still reserved for Sankofa Lectures and a balance of \$6000 remains for rest of year.
- b. **HLC101 Artwork – Map of Country Flags Wall Mural** – (\$178-\$210)
 - i. **The group approved ordering 1 picture for HLC101 (6’3” x 3’11”)** . Once hung, seek permission to put in other areas and on other campuses. (such as cafeteria and HLC109AB)

2. Diversity Events for Spring 2020

- a. **Stand Against Racism** – April 24, 2020 - YWCA Theme: Civic Engagement and how you can participate.
 - i. The group discussed ideas such as register to vote, census takers, **League of Women Voters presentation**– per Brenda. Potential interactive presentation with panel.
 - ii. **Dawnland** - www.dawnland.org (trailer) Next November possibly – Native American History month. Schedule it early.
- b. Display case for March. Seeking ideas for Women’s History Month.

3. Other Items

- a. **Jorge Sierra** – Selina shared information on Inspirational Student Development Speaker. Group agreed to reach out for dates and discount pricing. Original quote for 1 hour presentation was \$3500. It was suggested to coordinate with the Youth Center – connection per Deborah. Partner with Mentoring Program and Disability Services. Event in 109AB since Auditorium is not ADA accessible. Group discussed classes and connecting it to the curriculum – Gaelan shared idea of template – D.E.A.L. in educator vault as an assignment to build critical thinking. Selina will follow up and look at availability.
- b. **Worcester State Upcoming Events** – Robin D’Angelo, author of White Fragility will be at WSU at 2pm on April 27th and Dr. Farai Chideya on February 5th at 10:30am
 - i. **Miguel de la Torre** – Selina shared idea of inviting him to QCC in October – Hispanic Heritage Month. “Trails of Hope and Terror” film and discussion. Consider coordinating with **HACE** – currently scheduled for October 7th, 5:30 to 8:30pm.
- c. **Upcoming Presentation** – from Gaelan, Dr. Emily Rothman from BU on March 10th at 12:30pm. (Ted Talk available) Room 109B
- d. **Sankofa Lectures** – Friday, February 28th 11 to 12 in 109A – Dr. Jeffrey Ahlman from Smith College. Friday April 10th from 11 to 12 in 109A – Willie Perdomo – Puerto Rican poet. Interactive and audience engagement.

4. Meeting adjourned at 2:50