

DIVERSITY CAUCUS MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

HLC101

Meeting called to order at 2:10pm by Brenda Safford

Attendees: Gilmarie Vongphakdy, Ben Wendorf, Laura Tino, Teresa Variale Gonzalez, Jenilee Simmons, Deborah Gonzalez, James Brennan, Gaelan Benway, Nancy Donohue Berthiaume, Byron Thomas, Amy Beaudry, Opeyemi Odewale, Liz Woods, Brenda Safford, Selina Boria

Review of 1/28/20 Meeting Notes – approved.

1. 19-20 Funding Requests:

- a. **Review of 2 email requests:** Both approved. First event is to support co-sponsorship of Dr. Emily Rothman's presentation, "Pornography and Public Health" to be held on March 10th at 12:30pm in HLC 109B. Guest Speaker Jorge A. Sierra – motivational speaker (partnering with Disability Awareness & Advocacy Club) was approved and will be held March 11th at 12:00pm in HLC109AB. Flyers for both were shared.
- b. The group discussed the history of 'Diversity Fares' on campus and whether events with speakers should be advertised as 'Fares'. Historically they were held at lunchtime and included food or fare.
- c. Request for funding: Teresa V?????

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

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