

# DIVERSITY CAUCUS MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

**In attendance:** Brenda Safford (Co-Chair), Selina Boria (Co-Chair), Deborah Gonzalez, Liz Woods, Gaelan Benway, Adrienne Linnell, Henry Ritter, Mike Beane, Ben Wendorf, Ricky Frazier, Amy Beaudry, Byron Thomas, Nancy Donohue Berthiaume

Meeting was called to order at 2:10pm

*Upon a motion duly made, the minutes of the 11/27/19 meeting were approved. (Edits-Change name to Bettina Love) (finish sentence on notes: Flags of nation – has not been acted upon)*

## **Budget Review and Funding Requests**

**Student Life** – Diversity Day – The group discussed the budget and how much to fund. If an initial budget is approved, all agreed they can come back with a specific request for a potential speaker if needed. All agreed to approve \$2000 initially. Mike Beane will let Kelsey Cobb know.

**Jurakan** – Deborah Gonzalez gave an overview of the event and noted the room is available Thursday 3/28 in HLC109AB at 6:00pm. Cost of \$979 for event and transportation. Can request popcorn machine too. All agreed - Funding approved.

**Upcoming Brave Space Sessions:** Four sessions scheduled for semester, with first one on 2/6 at 12pm in 109A. Gaelan inquired about having a class attend during one of the sessions if appropriate. Brenda instituted a suggestion for a new guideline for students to say, 'change' or 'new topic' when they want a subject change during a session.

**Display Case** – League of Women's Voters group to help with artifacts for March. Current display is a culmination of William Bullard's photos and All God's Children from Brenda's personal collection. Thank you to Doe West for Native American display in November. Liz suggested putting Bullard's photos and information on the website under the Diversity page.

## **Upcoming Diversity Events:**

**Night of Jazz Event** – cancelled due to health reasons

**We Grow into Courage- February 7, 2019 at 6:30pm in Hebert Auditorium**

**Crossing Borders Film – American Textures** – Brenda will ask Deans to send to all classes that are held at 12:00pm. Or ask Barbara Zabka to send to the academic groups as well. Brenda shared that all Diversity events were published in the MLK Breakfast Program.

**Sankofa Lectures- both dates are Fridays – 3/29 and 4/19.** Ben working on next year's speakers as well.

**Stand Against Racism** – Talked about banner, workshop, panel discussion and previous years. Gaelan again suggested Bettina Love to come in as a speaker for the day and plan an event around her. Or have another speaker, especially one that may be in the area near that time. Brenda shared idea of round tables with conversations and courageous

dialogues which others can witness. Brenda will inquire with the YWCA about their speaker for this year. Is it possible to have a recognition and a campus-wide stance against racism at noon on the day of the event? Read a statement together, such as the SAR Pledge. Give out bracelets and pins then. Byron shared idea of broadcasting events happening downtown and for SAR in a room here.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Liz updated group on Domestic Violence Advocacy Program** – they are working to run the Domestic Violence advocacy program training in the downtown campus this spring. Eight graduated program in the fall. We are first institution in the city to offer this program. May try and plan a panel discussion or information sharing session with the campus.

**Ricky Frazier announced he will be moving on to a new position. His last day at QCC is Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. All shared he will be missed.**

**Flags of the countries** – no decision made and facilities needs to be contacted for fire code and requirements. Cafeteria area was suggested – hang from ceiling. Look at fire retardant materials.

Lack of diversity of artwork on campus was discussed. Contact Open Door about previous art student winners for potential artwork. Can be used to decorate HLC101, 109AB and common hallways, etc.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm**

**Next meeting – February 26, 2019 at 2:00pm in HLC101**