

DIVERSITY CAUCUS MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018

In attendance: Brenda Safford (Co-Chair), Selina Boria (Co-Chair), Deborah Gonzalez, Liz Woods, Gilmarie Vongphakdy, Gaelan Benway, Adrienne Linnell, Nancy Berthiaume, Amy Beaudry, Mike Beane, Kelsey Kobb

Meeting was called to order at 2:10pm

Upon a motion duly made, the minutes of the 10/23/18 meeting were approved.

Student Life Presentation: *Diversity Day (Kelsey Kobb)*

Event – April 17, 2019 – Request for \$4000

Includes a peace pole ceremony and cultural food festival, performers, art project, photo booth, henna tattoos. Open to all faculty, staff and students.

This year, Diversity week events will be wrapped into one day with everything combined.

The group will review available funds at the next meeting and determine how much is available.

Brave Space Follow-Up: *Overall went well. Mike Beane shared feedback from a student senator and concern of faculty and staff in the room. Liz shared idea of having index cards available for anyone who may want to share a topic in private and not comfortable bringing it up in person. Deborah suggested we add to the groundrules that if a topic has already been brought to the brave space, you can have a minute to re-address but it will not be a main topic of discussion again.*

Deborah – *Puerto Rican documentary directors on tour for Hurricane Maria relief and available in March to present the film at QCC. Requesting the 2 directors come to present – a \$350 stipend per director and funds will help raise funds for Hurricane Maria. Bus transportation \$179 and they are staying for free at a host home. Available March 25th to the 28th. Look at Auditorium or HLC availability. Invite community as well and potentially show in the evening. Funding request will be brought forward for a vote at next meeting. (Deborah has reserved 109AB for March 28th at 4pm)*

Display Case - *The group discussed Holidays Around the World for December into January and then begin with Black History in mid-January. March is Women's Right month plus Holocaust remembrance. Chinese New Year – February 5th.*

Crossing Borders – *We have permission to present the film again prior to April 24th and work with Student Life for scheduling. This film was showed last year for Stand Against Racism Day. (A date and time has been set for February 27th at 12pm in the Auditorium).*

Stand Against Racism – *Gaelan mentioned reaching out to Bettina Love to come in as a speaker for the day and plan an event around her.*

Charles Ketter and friends– QCC Student – jazz musician who offered to play for free and talk about history of jazz. Planned for February – Brenda reserved room and group. February 14th. A flyer will go out and snow dates selected.

Brenda's presentation – readings performed by Brenda and group come in with their bread as a fundraiser. Can be sponsored by a campus organization by Diversity Caucus? (potential idea of a future student vendor fair or work of our hands event) February 7th

Flags of the Nation – Nancy brought up idea of displaying flags that are strung along and around a room. Present them in a prominent location, such as 1st floor near old advising, Welcome Center, Surprenant, Hebert Lobby, etc. Look on Amazon and check fire code requirements. Be cognizant of collection of flags, contested countries, etc. and emotional response it may bring to some. This has been brought up in the past and has never been acted upon.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm

Next meeting – January 29, 2019 at 2:00pm in HLC101