

DIVERSITY CAUCUS MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

HLC101

Meeting was called to order at 2:05pm

1. Budget Review and Funding Requests:
 - a. UTEC Event is Cancelled due to scheduling conflicts and change of management at UTEC – This has freed up funds of \$1637.50. Gaelan brought up idea of a Social Justice Speaker Series and working with the Sociology Department. Possible connection to faculty from Worcester State discussed.
 - b. Juracan – request for additional funding for food was approved. The total cost for refreshments will be \$300.
2. Upcoming Brave Space Sessions (109A, 12:00pm –3/27, 5/1) – Selina shared feedback on previous sessions and when students were polled about continuing next year, they were very interested.
3. Display Case –
 - a. March (Women)
 - b. April (Deaf Awareness Month) – Disability Services was going to supply items, but unable to.
 - c. May (Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month) – Selina will reach out to the Asian Coalition. Other potential contacts suggested were the Worcester Refugee Assistance Project or local Buddhist temples.
 - d. June (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month) – idea of working with the Worcester Historical Society around LGBTQ displays and events in Worcester. Ben noted he has a student working on

LGBTQ Events in Worcester and he will share contact information. Or contact Erin O'Connor, who is Pride Alliance Advisor.

4. Upcoming Diversity Events:

- a. Juracán – Nation in Resistance – 3/28/19 – 6:00pm
- b. Sankofa Lectures: Ben noted he is taking attendance at all Sankofa Events for anyone earning extra credit
 - i. March 29th – Dr. Jasmine Johnson: 1pm Hebert Aud. – Additional funding of \$500 was approved for added travel expense.
 - ii. April 19th - Dr. Sarah Ohmer: 1pm Hebert Aud.
- c. Diversity Day – April 17, 2019 11:am to 2:pm (originally scheduled outside, but was moved to the Athletic Center. Kicks off with the peace pole ceremony at 11:00am). Flyers to go out shortly.
- d. Stand Against Racism Day – 4/26/19 (We Grow Into Courage)
 - i. The schedule for the day and request for approval to purchase t-shirts, banner, bracelets and food were discussed and approved by attendees. Original timeframe was 11am to 1:30, but it has been adjusted to begin at 11:30am instead with We Grow Into Courage starting at noon. Total expenses will be reported at next meeting.
 - ii. Honorarium – Center for Nonviolent Solutions – As the Caucus discussed previously about donating to this group, Selina asked to revisit the idea of offering a donation or honoraria for the group who will be performing, “We Grow Into Courage”. All were in agreement and voted to approve an honorarium of

\$500. Please note correction – Approved amount for
Honorarium is \$1000 confirmed at April 23, 2019 meeting.

5. Other Business

- a. Faculty Retreat – the group discussed offering funds for a potential diversity speaker at the Faculty retreat or other time on campus like All College Day. Bettina Love was discussed. (post meeting follow-up: Gaelan reached out to Ms. Love and she would be available for All College Day, but fee is excessive at \$10,000.)

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm