

Multicultural Diversity Committee
Wednesday January 30, 2008
6:00 p.m. Salsita's

Present: Aaron Armelie, Laura Brumariu, Rob Dempster, Brian Hall, Ihori Kobayashi, Marsheena Murray, Suhrida Yadavalli

Movie night was discussed. Last semester, there was not a large turnout for movie night. The committee will keep the option of having movie nights open, but will also explore other event options.

For interview weekend, one MDC member should sit on each panel during interview day. The MDC member should mention: their position on the MDC committee, the department is supportive of the MDC committee, there are diverse populations available to research, and if any applicant has any questions, they should feel free to ask. Brochures have been prepared and printed for interview weekend.

Two speakers have agreed, in principle, to visit Kent State University during 2008-2009 academic year, if MDC has funding: Dr. Lisa Diamond and Dr. Anthony D'Augelli. No final commitment will be made until funding is not assured. MDC is exploring funding opportunities: the APC application is pending.

Rob Dempster spoke regarding the MDC committee possibly supporting Invisible Children in coming to speak to Kent State community. Rob will gather more information regarding the content of the presentation. A final decision will be taken when more information is available (e.g., how the Invisible Children Organization's goals fit the purposes of MDC). Additionally, MDC may be unable to reach a large number of students/faculty, and the committee may need to collaborate with other organizations on campus to maximize the event's success. More information regarding the group is available at <http://www.invisiblechildren.com>.

Rob will gather information about what MDC has to do to become a University officially recognized organization (e.g., paperwork needed to register). This may be a project for the next academic year.

The Undergraduate Seminar will be held in March sometime. Aaron plans to meet with Cynthia soon.

The website was discussed. The constitution/bylaws must be added to the mission statement (must be scanned). Members were given various assignments to complete for the MDC website. Brian and Laura are to write paragraphs on past and current speaker events, Dr. Gordon Hall and Dr. Faye Belgrave, respectively. Suhrida is to write up a paragraph on the Taste of Diversity. Aaron is to meet with Cynthia to write a paragraph on the Undergraduate Seminar. Brian will provide the information regarding last year sponsors of events. Laura will write a "Thanks to our sponsors" statement for this year events. The committee should take a group photo to post on the website. The website

should also contain the current committee members and current contact information (email). Marsheena will put together the documents provided by the committee members.

Emails will be sent to set up the next meeting.