

Multicultural Diversity Committee
Friday, November 30, 2007
3:00 p.m. Room 179

Present: Laura Brumariu, Aaron Armelie, Ihori Kobayashi, Rob Dempster, Dr. Josefina Grau, Suhrida Yadavalli, Marsheena Murray, Brian Hall, Peggy Poling

Not Present:

The constitution of the Kent State University, Department of Psychology, Multicultural and Diversity Committee was finalized and signed at the beginning of the meeting.

Suhrida reported on the feedback from the pot luck. The feedback was positive, some suggestions were to write down ingredients. It was also suggested that the time be shortened to 1-1 ½ hours maximum 2 hours. There was discussion of having a donation box with a flyer or poster of donation to a specific organization. There was also discussion of having a short talk or presentation of the dish people brought may help in the learning of certain cultures. It was suggested that there be more chairs in the room to help promote more interaction.

Suhrida has an organization in mind for the donations. It is an Indian organization that has a US affiliate. The organization helps people with leprosy and HIV that have been classified as outcasts.

The meeting with the chair was very positive and there was discussion of making the MDC a part of the Department which would fall into the GCC organization. An organizational chart was passed around for discussion.

The chair wants the committee to become involved in the recruitment of graduate students. Aaron is going to email Joel/Jack to see how the committee can help and become involved with graduate admissions.

One suggestion was to make sure at interview weekend that at least one member be on each of the student informational panels.

Suhrida said that movie night is coming along. The movie will most likely be “motorcycle diaries”. So far just emails have been sent. Flyers need to be made and posted.

Hosting an undergrad panel will be discussed at a later time.

Marsheena provided an update on the website. Marsheena has to contact the people at Moulton Hall to find out how to provide them with information to be posted. The web page needs to be completed by the beginning of March, that is when the anticipated date for the new Psychology website to go “live”.

The chair has suggested that we apply to have speakers for the visiting scholar project which is sponsored by the APC. The committee is not guaranteed a spot every year for a colloquium speaker.

The committee decided to bring in a LGBT speaker for the visiting scholar proposal. The committee thought it was vital since the APA recommends it. It is an area that is not focused on. We need a strong speaker. The speaker would be contacted ahead of time to see if they are willing to come. The committee members were told to search out speakers and email them to Laura for a list to vote on. The speaker should be decided on by December 7th.

If we are looking into bringing in the LGBT speaker under the visiting scholar application Dr. Grau need to see it by January 5th.

This visiting scholar will be a workshop and a colloquium.

Marsheena will be preparing the agenda for the next meeting. You should email Marsheena your schedule after the beginning of the semester so she can work on coordinating a meeting time.

Laura went over the committee members and who is serving in the position.

Chair-Laura Brumariu-will preside over meetings.

Past Chair-Brian Hall-will support the present chair.

Vice Chair-Rob Dempster-assist chair in projects.

Vice Chair of Legacy-Marsheena Murray-take minutes, photos, documents, responsible for list serve and website. Put things on the website and get a link from the department website.

Public Relations and Social Affairs-Suhrida Yadavalli-responsible for fund raisers and activities such as pot luck, movie night. Jessica Demmings and Suhrida will get together and discuss these activities.

Recruitment/Retention-Aaron Armelie-responsible for undergraduate seminars-had 2 panels last year, probably will have a panel next semester. Cynthia and Aaron will meet to discuss.

Vice Chair of Finance-Ihori Kobayashi-maintain current financial records in charge of writing small grant requests. Last year we received funding from the GSS for the workshop with Gordon Hall.

Ihori will check with Anya for grant submissions and to find out the GSS deadlines.

Emails will be sent to set up the next meeting.