



Agenda/Meeting MINUTES

Diversity Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Library Gallery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **ITEM 1. CULTURAL COMPETENCY WORKSHOP UPDATE**

Discussion: Brian gave the members an update on the Cultural Competency Workshops: February 25<sup>th</sup>, part of Black History Month and March 25<sup>th</sup>, part of Women's History Month. Elayna Toby Singer will be the presenter for both. Elayna will use questions and suggestions from the Quantum meeting which encompassed ideas from Administrators and the Advisory Council along with and the input from the students attending the workshop. We may open up to Faculty to get the challenges on the diversity side; what is working vs. what is Not Working.

Greg Mortenson, author of "Three Cups of Tea," has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is the book that was chosen for our Read Together project. We have purchased a table at the Literacy Council Luncheon, March 27<sup>th</sup> which will feature Mr. Mortenson as its speaker. Our idea is to raffle off 8 tickets to students to participate in the luncheon.

Action: Workshops February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. Literacy Council Luncheon March 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Raffle  
8 tickets for student participation, as part of Read Together.

#### **ITEM 2. DIVERSITY RESOURCES WEBPAGE UPDATE**

Discussion: Brian announced that the minutes from the last meeting along with today's meeting will be going on the webpage. Handouts of the Diversity Page were given to each member. Ideas to be included: Holocaust Remembrance, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Stage West Theatre. Have panel discussion including Greg Mortenson and Pennies for Peace

Project to raise money towards building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Steve from Student Services offered to have

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plastic jugs to be put around campus, decorated with logo for “Pennies for Peace.” We should also put up flyers in various areas. We would like to collect enough to build half a school (total cost for school is \$12,000). Carol Bond wants one for her area. Any additional suggestions let Steve know. An e-blast will be going out shortly. Kim Ardila-Morgan suggested developing a Cultural Corner based on different cultural groups with country profile and a PowerPoint presentation to show diversities. Brian would like it shown at the next meeting or have a link to be sent out.

Action: Jugs to be decorated and put up in various areas of campus along with flyers and E-Blast, announcing, “Pennies for Peace.” If anyone is having an event, send the information to Brian to put on or add it onto site.

### **ITEM 3. BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES**

Discussion: Part of Diversity Calendar Update

Action:

### **ITEM 4. WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES**

Discussion: March 5<sup>th</sup> – Women’s History “Crossroads”, Bobbi Marsh has an e-card made out that can be sent to friends and departments, it will take you directly to their site. The presentation will take place from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Humanities Building. “Celebration of Women,” is a collaboration with Vernon Grant which will showcase local artist, Rosemary Otto. Brian suggested sending to all students and to Penny McIsaac. We will also link onto our Library Calendar.

Action: Send information regarding Women’s History events to all students with a link to be added on to the Diversity Calendar.

**ITEM 5. FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL DIVERSITY WORKSHOP**

Discussion: Administrators discussing diversity issues at FACC meeting; challenges faculty faces such as classroom issues. If you know of faculty using diversity in the classroom, please let us know.

Action:

**ITEM 6. READ TOGETHER**

Discussion: Discussed “Three Cups of Tea” on books and Kindles. Two strategies classes are reading and using Kindles. I want input from students and Faculty about the Kindles. We would like to purchase 4 of the new Kindles. Kim asked if we get a discount for education and Brian said yes, but it is difficult to get. Most best sellers can be purchased for \$9.99 ...overtime this cost will subside. Steve told the group that there is a school in Illinois that gives textbooks free to student. It is the first school to do this. There are education institutions that are looking at how to lower cost of textbooks . Poorest students are diversity students who cannot afford these textbooks.

Action: Possibility of purchasing 4 of the new Kindles.

**ITEM 7. H.S.I. UPDATE**

Discussion: We have formed an Ambassador’s Sub Committee and so far have 8 participants. People feel comfortable with a little bit of outreach. College people going out into the community, especially the Hispanic population. Have a notice ready at next meeting to send out. We are trying to get students involved; SGA, recruit from high schools. We have an event in the fall, October 31<sup>st</sup> in the Duncan Theatre for Hispanic Heritage. PROCER is an outside agency that we, in conjunction with Olivia Morris, are working with to produce events in the TC Courtyard and showcasing crafts in the Library.

Action: Recruit students to get involved in going out into the community as outreach help.  
Get notice put together for next meeting.

**ITEM 8. GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER UPDATE**

Discussion: Having representatives serve as Student Advisors which will overlap with H.S.I., to serve any immigrant and work to recruit all immigrants and to partner with Robin's department. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, Jeannett Manzanero along with two of Robin's PBCC student ambassadors will be going to the Tabernacle International Church in WPB @ 6:00 P.M. to speak with about 300 Spanish parents of middle and high school students, and showing the webpage to also recruit their children to come to PBCC. This outreach is being done in cooperation with the School District (PBSD) (Ana Sands is coordinating the event). Jeannett will be conducting the orientation in Spanish. The young ambassadors will help by passing out the materials and answering any questions (tri-lingual admissions information pamphlet). Ana Sands will ensure that Jeannett had access to a computer so she is able to talk to the parent in Spanish as they surf through our Spanish web pages, the areas of study, the application, testing, advising and registration, as well as, financial aid information. Monica, along with some of our students volunteers from Global Education, are going to be involved in the Health Fair on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at a Spanish church representing PBCC. They are going to invite high school students and have formal information sessions (March 14 and 19<sup>th</sup>) and every 2 weeks thru May. We will interview the students to find out what their needs are...ex. healthcare, childcare, as part resource center, part referral service. The location will be next to the Cafeteria. Monica is trying to get student I.D.s and Brian has a new database that will help. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, ESOL Students (seniors in high school) will be here working with Robin and will be open until 6:00 P.M. Global Education in conjunction with Ms. Johnson, will be involved in a tour of high school ESOL seniors from Palm Beach County Schools who will be coming to PBCC on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 P.M. This tour was initiated by Dr. Connie Berry of the School District's Multilingual Department and they will have the opportunity to speak to approximately 100 seniors.

Global Education will also be holding student information sessions for immigrant seniors from throughout the county. Sessions: March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 – 6:00 P.M., Room CRA 102

**ITEM 9. LANGUAGE INSTITUTE UPDATE**

Discussion: There will be a District-wide program (Boca Raton, PBG and Belle Glade) for ESOL students, including Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian, American Sign Language, and others. It will be Lake Worth based, working with Ameri Care and mostly Hispanic volunteers (get educational vouchers) and in partnership with Global Education, to setup courses in English, Yoga, Personal Development and Computers. We have received a Kellogg Grant to work with the Lake Worth Resource Center to offer many social opportunities and jobs. The offering is for people who live in Lake Worth and will match employers with people. Our goal is to train 30 immigrants in trades and English.

**ITEM 10. FLORIDA HISTORY PROGRAM**

Discussion: Brian discussed the film shown in the Library on February 16<sup>th</sup>, titled, “Cracker Crazy” by Georg Kozulinski working with Steve Brahlek. Steve Brahlek’s class, as well as, any other students that wished to attend is a story about Florida’s rich history and heritage. This was part of Diversity.

**ITEM 11. HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENTS FOR FALL: PROCER & OTHERS**

Discussion: PROCER is an outside organization that will be presenting several events for fall. They will be having several groups: dance, poetry, pianist etc. in the Duncan Theatre, October 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, crafts will be on display in the Library, September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, and September 16<sup>th</sup> they will be having groups perform in the TC Courtyard. More information will follow.

**ITEM 12. OTHER**

Discussion:

Attendance: Pat Alvarez, Kim Ardila-Morgan, Diane Baird, Rhonda Boles, Carol Bond, Milagros Davila, Jeannett Manzanero(on behalf of Monica Delgado, Jean-Laurent Dugues, Vernon Grant, Bobbi Marsh, Steve Einer (?), Robin Johnson

Absent: George Ayorinde, Emmanuel Danso, Javier DeLaSol, Sylvia Dejesus, Tcherina Duncombe, Tricia Hinds, Kathleen Horowitz, Rebecca Johnson, Jelesia Kirk, Susan Lang, Mayetta lee, Jessica Lopez, Sylvia Macdonald, Susy Martinez-White, Rhona Nain, Lystra Seenath, Patricia Young

Submitted by: Brian Kelley

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