

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2009

2:00 p.m.

LLRC – Gallery

ITEM 1. Goals for 2008/2009

Read Together Book – diversity activities in the curriculum

Discussion: The vote is in and the book that was chosen is, Three Cups of Tea. Brian will be sending out an all user to acknowledge the winner, with the kickoff in January. At that time we will be having activities in the gallery and the classrooms and distributing paperback copies to students. Discuss how to incorporate into curriculum, several faculty adding to classes. If anyone has any ideas, please let Brian know.

Action: Send out All User acknowledging winner of Read Together. Plan Kickoff Event and order paperback copies of **Three Cups of Tea**.

ITEM 2. Diversity Calendar Discussion

Theater, Student Services, Global Education Center, Language Institute, Crossroads

Discussion: We have not received any new events for the calendar, at present we only have 2. The link may not be clear enough.

Action: Lynelle Forrest, creator of the calendar, will make changes to make link clearer.

ITEM 3. Diversity Resources Webpage Update

Discussion: Will have a new format – Lib Guides and have ready for demonstration at the next meeting. We have included everything at this point except Jewish Americans. Includes list of Resources, Events, and different Diversity Topics with different groups ex: Disabled, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender. When a student clicks on link, it goes exactly to what they are looking for.

Action: Improve format and have ready for demonstration at next meeting.

ITEM 4. H.S.I. Update

Discussion: Couldn't get together for last meeting, rescheduled. One topic that is scheduled to discuss is Community Ambassadors. People who can get the word out about PBCC at their churches, community events, neighborhoods etc. It might work better having people work individually rather than have formal groups. Hopefully, bring 50 people together as a sub committee with trainings, food, and support. Last time we made up flyers to bring community members to a meeting, only 3 people responded. They do not want to make a long-term commitment. Make flyers and give to hand out when they are out and about. Need to give incentive to get community involved, have them use the event form to get credit and give info on Spanish web pages. The Public Library has a full-time person for the Spanish Community. Have them work with us (HIS) and the Library to get word out. Brian said that he would tap Library funds to make flyers look professional; possibly use our Print Shop (less expensive than outsourcing). Website for non native speakers of English...USA LEARN.

Action: Bring community together with training including food and beverages. Give information on Spanish web pages and include USALEARN link in minutes and on Diversity Webpage. Contact Public Library to work in conjunction with PBCC to help Community. Library will tap into funds and

ITEM 5. Global Education Center Update

Discussion: No one from Global Education Center present. Will have update at next meeting

ITEM 6. Language Institute Update

Discussion: No one present from language Institute. Will update at next meeting.

ITEM 7. Cultural Competency for the Classroom

Discussion: Brian handed out the Cultural Competency Training Proposal for PBCC by Elayna Toby Singer. He explained that this is a follow-up to the More Perfect Union workshops we had last year. It would be a half day workshop aimed at administrators. Dr. Vallejo would like one designed for students with the possibility of going to classrooms. Once the contract is signed, we will have dates, hopefully in March. We could also design it to include something for Women's History Month. The half day could be in the Students Activities Center and the Library.

ITEM 8: Scheduling of Film Immokalee, U.S.A.,

Award winning documentary on migrant workers in Florida

Discussion: We will look at diversity awareness through books and film. One such film will be Immokalee, U.S.A., which Steve Brahlek would like presented. Brian is going to speak with Mark Alexander to have in Stage West for Spring Term. There would also be a discussion following the film.

ITEM. 9 PROCER Planning

Hispanic Heritage Month 2009

We are working with them for next year. Hopefully will have activities at the event kickoff with Student Activities, cultural presentations in Stage West and artwork in the Library Gallery.

ITEM. 10 Other

Discussion: Dr. Vallejo has information regarding Dick Gregory to sent via e-mail to the members.

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Attendance: Pat Alvarez, Espe Noble for Carol Bond, Milagros Davila, Vernon Grant, Mayetta Lee, Bobbi Marsh.

Absent: George Ayorinde, Kim Ardila-Morgan, Diane Baird, Rhonda Boles, Barbara Cipriano, Emmanuel Danso, Javier De La Sol, Sylvia Dejesus, Monica Delgado, Jean-Laurent Dugues, Tcherina Duncombe, Tricia Hinds, Kathleen Horowitz, Alexandria Jeans, Rebecca Johnson, Jelecia Kirk, Susan Lang, Jessica Lopez, Sylvia Macdonald, Susy Martinez-White, Olivia Morris, Rhona Nain, Lystra Seenath, Patricia Young.

Submitted

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