



1st Equality & Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 12, 2012, 9:30-10:30 AM
MAC 201 Gathering Room

- 1) Call to Order: 9:40 AM
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Emily Carroll, Clinton Isham, Melissa Kiela, Brianna Mollberg
 - ii. Absent: Danielle Eder, Nathaniel Krueger, Nicholas Toyne
- 2) Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Chair
 - b. Committee senators
- 3) Overview of Goals/Plans
 - a. Mission statement & major goals: The Equality & Diversity Committee's main goal for the 2012-2013 school year is to continue to provide to our students a comfortable and welcoming campus environment no matter their race, ethnicity, sex, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability status, etc. and to raise awareness and to effectively address the issues minorities face on and off campus. And, in order to accomplish this, the committee will be particularly focused on trying to (1) establish a Women's Resource Center on campus and (2) continuing to advocate for adequate childcare facilities at UWGB.
- 4) Sharing of Responsibilities
 - a. Delegation of tasks: The chair will, at certain times, require assistance from senators to serve on and participate in the following committees/organizations
 - i. Chancellor's Council on Diversity & Inclusive Excellence
 - ii. Diversity Task Force
 - iii. Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
 - iv. American Intercultural Center (AIC)
 - v. Feminist Coalition
 - vi. Optimistic Feminists
 - vii. American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (AMSLC)
 - viii. Others

5) Future Meetings

- a. Individual reports: The chair will require written reports/notes only when senators are asked to attend meetings on chair's behalf; otherwise, oral reports will be sufficient and will be presented by the senators at all meetings
- b. Questions regarding responsibilities
- c. Ideas and suggestions:
 - i. Senator Isham: There must be something done about the prevalence of white/blank walls in many campus buildings and tunnels. Perhaps, we can collaborate with campus organizations and take turns to paint the walls, showcase artwork, hang posters, etc.
 1. Chair's response: This is a good idea; however, the Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee, Dan MacSwain, is already collaborating with some art management students to work on this. Also, I believe the art department is working to address this matter. But, we can definitely communicate with them and get involved to promote the issues our committee is passionate about.
 - ii. Senator Kiela: One campus organization and a few graduate students are collaborating on the Three Sisters Gardening Project, which will work to rejuvenate traditional Native American food systems in the Student Garden.
 1. Chair's response: I am very receptive to this idea and I think this is a great project. If you could, please bring more information regarding this awesome project to our next committee meeting.

6) Announcements

- a. Class schedules: The chair needs next semester's class schedules from all the senators as soon as they are determined/available.
- b. Office hours: The senators need to make sure that they are signed up to serve office hours in the Student Senate office. Please contact the Speaker of the Senate, Rebecca Ellenbecker, for questions/concerns regarding this requirement.
- c. Additions/transfers to committee membership: There may be new additions to the Equality & Diversity Committee as new senate applicants are confirmed.

7) Adjournment: 10:12 AM