**EHHS Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes**

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November, 17th 2015

9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

  Christa Boske

  Takhiro Sato

  Chinasa Elue

  Rynell Parnell

**Members Absent:**

  Daniel Nillson

  Laurie Wagner

  Cassandra Storlie

  Monica Miller Marsh

  Susan Iverson

  Gumiko Monobe

  Sharyn Turner

  Haoting Cui

  Jamie Matthews

**Agenda:**

1.      Meeting times

2.      2015-2016 Goals

3.      Website Revisions

4.      Possible Proposal for Funding to the Dean/Aligned with Goals

            Film and speaker series (January, March, and May)

  Film

  Speaker

  Food

  Drink

  Marketing (Postcards)

5.      Brown bag lunches (February and April)

  Food and drink

6.        Website Updates

  Embedded videos

  Books/Summaries

  Continue dialogue regarding page structure/format

  Mentioned we might contact Laura to send out an email to all EHHS faculty and ask if they would like to send us updates with photos and/or links regarding community outreach and schools

**Minutes from Meeting:**

1.      Meeting Times

  We discussed future meeting times. Although we took a Doodle Poll and are offering a time most convenient for our members, we are trying an earlier time to afford more members opportunities to participate.

2.      2015-2016 Goals

  We continued talks about starting up a film series with speakers as well as the brown bag luncheons beginning in January as a goal for this academic year.

  We decided as a Committee to develop a film series with the producers/organizational leaders/speakers once a month in January, March, and May. We decided to offer a local speaker from the Cleveland area an opportunity to present a film from Sistah Sinema (Queer Women of Color).

  We decided to offer brown bag lunches in February and April.

3.      Possible speakers for film series

  We discussed and chose possible speakers from the film trailers we watched at the last meeting. Rynell will contact some of the speakers to find out an possible costs associated with the speaker as well as availability.

  Choices for films/speakers:

1.      Producer from film “Crack in the System”

2.      Producer from film “Poverty Inc.”

3.      Sistah Sinema

  Christa mentioned that we may want to start with Deidre McPherson from Sistah Sinema, because she is local and this would give us time to contact and schedule our first film.

4.      Brown Bag Luncheons

  We discussed what topics we wanted to cover.

  Chinasa suggested immigration as a topic for a brown bag luncheon

  Christa suggested we think about including speakers at the brown bag luncheons to help facilitate dialogue

  We searched on the web for possible speakers who could facilitate conversation regarding immigration.

1.      Ohio Commission of Hispanic Latino Affairs

2.      Akron International Institute (Tallmadge Avenue in Akron)

3.      Michel Martin from American Program Bureau (A Global Speaker, Celebrity & Entertainment Agency)

  Christa suggested partnering with other departments outside of EHHS to attract larger audience, as well as getting others who may want to be engaged

  Takahiro suggested we consider marketing initiatives for the film series as well as brown bag luncheons

o  Christa suggested we utilize the KSU graphics department. They can design postcards and we can send them out electronically as well as hard copies.

5.       Funding and cost of inviting speakers

   Rynell will contact and inquire about speakers for the film series and provide us with a possible costs to share in our proposal to the Dean

6.      Other possible speakers and topics for film series

  Cornel West and Tavis Smiley to discuss issues of race in higher education

  Globalization (Poverty Inc.) and Economic Access

  Immigration

  Queer Women of Color

  Race in Higher Education (Missouri)

7.      We discussed and developed a list to invite other organizations on/off campus who could attend film series and brown bag luncheons

List of organizations to possibly invite to film series and brown bag luncheons:

  NAACP branch in Akron (330)-573-4986

  BUS Black United Students

  BGSA Black Graduate Student Association

  N.J. Akbar

  Alfreda Brown

  (N.D.E.P) on Kent Campus

  Black theatre organization on Kent Campus

  Coalition for Humane and Global Economy

  Pan African Studies

  School of Journalism

  Sociology department

  Director for new LGBT Center

  Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in Akron (PFLAG)

  GLSEN) (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network out of Cleveland –Gary Di Bianco (216)-849-4026

  King Kennedy Center/Ravenna

  Ship Collins, Orange City Schools, (216)-374-3858

  Linda Robertson

  Maya Satlykgylyjova/International Women Student Group at KSU

  Sarah Malcolm

  KSU Independent Film

  NAACP at KSU

  Akron Food Bank (330)-535-6900

  Social Entrepreneurship speaker from University of Akron

  CANIPI Aids Network in Akron (330)-252-1159

8.      We discussed the reasons for inviting these organizations

  Attendance

  Help facilitate dialogue

  Focus and bring different organizations and spotlight different organizations based off of the topics for that specific day

**Next Meeting:**

  Date: 12/1/2015

  Location: Robin’s Nest

  Time: 8:30am-9:30am

  Agenda:

o    Website Revisions

o    Feedback in regards to speakers that were contacted and possible pricing.