Diversity Program Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 1:00-1:45

NEXT Meeting November 4, 2009 Room 222 in Barnard Building (Ellen needs to book.)

Attendees: Ellen Retelle, Beth Merenstein, Awilda Reasco, Reginald Simmons, Laura Marchese.

Regrets: Stephen Constanza, Bobbie Koplowitz, Khoon Koh, Lisa Frank

**Theme: Diversity and Social Justice –** objective is to invite CCSU faculty and staff to present.

Meeting Minutes and Action Plan

1. Identify diversity events, speakers, forums on CCSU campus for academic year with the objective to identify a ‘gap’ in the topics addressed and ‘open’ space to schedule an event for the Senate Diversity Committee in December and February. Check the following; CCSU calendar (Ellen), Office of Diversity (Ellen), student groups and Women’s center (Awilda), African Studies and Latino Association (Reginald) departments, etc… then send out information to program committee. The program committee will review and suggest topic(s) for an event (e.g., presentation, forum, etc..).
2. Half day **forum** during the spring term-April (may is not available) May see # 4. Goal of forum-opportunity for faculty, staff, administration, and student campus groups whose mission and vision includes diversity and social justice to a) meet together to share their group’s work and goals, b) to identify objectives focusing on diversity and social justice on the CCSU campus; and c) create action plans for the CCSU campus. The Senate Diversity Committee would follow up the suggestions during the 2010-11 academic year. The forum would consist of two parts:
   1. Small “Action” groups would meet, then representatives from the small groups would form the “Advocacy Panel” and present to the large group.
   2. Description: Individuals from Campus wide group will be assigned to an “Action” group. All groups who participate in the forum should be represented in each “Action” group. Example: Participating groups: Student government, LGBT students, LGBT faculty, women’s center, African-American faculty, African-American students, Hillel club, Latino students club, Latino faculty, etc… 9 groups. Each of the nine groups would have a representative from the above identified groups.
   3. **PROGRAM COMMITTEE** a) needs to identify and invite groups across campus to participate; b) develop guidelines for the “Action” groups to follow; c) develop guidelines for the “Advocacy Panel”; and d) follow up on the “Advocacy Panel’s” action steps.
3. Submit an application for a diversity grant on December 1, 2009 and February 1, 2010. (Ellen will submit).
4. Other Suggestions for Program Committee Activities: Diversity Dance Night, Diversity Pot Luck Lunch/Dinner, Diversity Games Night/Day.
5. E. Retelle booked Constitution room for (Wednesday) April 21, 2010.