**Senate Diversity Committee Meeting**

**September 8, 2011**

**3:00-4:00**

**Next meeting October 13, 2011 3:00-4:00**

Attendance: B. Merenstein (Sociology), C. Fallahi (Psychology), E. Retelle (Ed Lead), B. Kopowitz (Athletics), L. Marchese (Institutional Advancement), K. Love (Teacher Ed), J. French (Teacher Ed), S. Koski (Criminology), C. Liard-Muriente (Economics), P. Dhar (Economics), Naoumov, V. (Engineering), P. Karpuk (English), J. Werblow (Teacher Ed).

L. Marchese, J. French, and R. Simmons shared the girls visit to CCSU. They visited Dr. Simmons’ class and Dr. Naoumov class.

Election for Officers for Senate Diversity Report

Chair: B. Merenstein

Secretary: E. Retelle

Curriculum: P. Karpuk (Chair)C. Fallahi , P. A. King, K. Love,

Program: L. Marches (co-chair), J. French (co-chair), E. Retelle, B. Kopowitz, R. Simmons, J. Werblow

Curriculum/D-Designation: Email sent to faculty to submit application for D-Designation. The email did not have a name to send the D-Designation. Need signature of department chair; need to go to curriculum committee.

Senate Diversity Committee members need to submit the application for D-Designation courses. Then, we need to contact people who attended the workshops.

Workshops-K. Love and A. King will lead the workshop in October/November. An announcement will be sent out.

Assessment: It’s a five year pilot program. We need a critical mass of D-designated course and proof that the course make a difference. C. Fallahi is in charge of assessment. It was approved with the condition that the committee prove teaching diversity makes a difference. C. Fallahi will work with anyone in their courses. Rubrics available. J. French suggested that we have a meeting to complete forms about a D-designation. SEPS faculty have identified courses that have diversity and social justice in their courses through the Self Study Diversity Task Force. C. Fallahi asked if anyone had materials to submit; it can be posted on the Senate Diversity website.

Program Planning Committee: Program Planning Committee will include community outreach. If we want any money, we can submit a grant request from ODE, must submit by October 1, 2011.

* Have meetings with students in various departments to discuss culture and climate. Meet with some of the student clubs to discuss what’s happening.
* Replicate “Community Engagement Program”-Invite other student/pre-university student groups to the campus. One time per year, spring.
* NECME September 27th. Free conference. 9:00-10:00 James Banks, Lee Mun What 10:30-12:00, Kris Gutirerez 1:30-2:30.
* Issue brought up the “A” on Diversity on the President’s Report Card. It was shared that a student reported on a derogatory comment made by a professor in class.
* Have a brown bag lunch once a month to discuss how people talk with each other and how professors talk to students.
* Invite a speaker to CCSU that will speak on Diversity.
* Suggest that include the information about how to talk with new hires.
* Invite new ODE office; ask how we can work together with her.

Website: Fred Latour informed B. Merenstein that the Diversity bylaws are incorrectly stated. C. Fallahi will contact Fred Latour, “Chairperson of the committee of committees”

Research Reassigned Time: issue across campus. Find out who receives research reassigned time. C. Fallahi stated that there is no significant differences between men and women.