

College Diversity Roundtable
Minutes
September 14, 2007

Attendees: L. Awuku, N. Burnett, K. Clark, L. Crews, N. Dimmock, R. Feldman, C. Fusco, J. Guzman, M. Harper, A. Lerner, J. Latimer, E. Newport, C. Nguyen, B. Olivares, C. Kettles, A. Pena, R. Tapp, A Waddill, L. Brenson, A. Weekly, M. Walker-Sharpe, D. Watts, L. Weiner, M. Mull, F. Guzman, A. Plonczynski

I. Introductions

Norm and Beth welcomed everyone back to CDR.

Norm stated that the meeting will start at 11:45am promptly and lunch will begin at 11:30am

II. Updates

Dean Feldman stated that the retention rate is better than a few years ago

He also says there is a 3 task force

Advising-finding way students can contact faculty and advisors

Academic policy- Allowing students to drop class up to the last minute

Diversity- making the campus a welcoming environment

Elissa Newport reports that there are 5 people on the College Faculty

Diversity. Some of items that they are working on are

Family friendly policy

Hiring more faculty of color

Beth explains how to get to the website of CDR.

Any upcoming events should be given to Collette to be put on the calendar.

Norm asked everyone to sign up for at least one subcommittee. A sheet went around explaining the different subcommittees and what they do. Beth and Norm will co-chair the climate committee. There will be a faculty and a student to co- chair on each committee.

Norm stated that issues could be brought to the CDR that is what the roundtable is all about.

III. Meloria Weekend

Meloria weekend is October 18-21st.

There is a \$15 fee but it is waived for students, staff and faculty. There is a cost for lunch, dinner, and comedy night.

Garth Fagan will be performing on Friday 18th.

Colon Powell is the keynote speaker (no tickets are available). There were over 4,000 people registered in 2 weeks.

Beth, Norm, Rich, Jeff, Elissa will give 5 minute highlights
Poster section is slated for 2pm on Saturday. There are over 100 people sign
up to attend.