

College Diversity Roundtable Minutes 02/24/2010

Attendance:

Jessica Guzman, Melissa Greco Lopes, Kierstin Hughes, Scott Strenger, Nora Dimmock, Arusha Afzal, Tamara Slater, Jinnan Hussain, Katherine Laureano, Di Pan, Michael Chen, Christie Torruella, Vickie T. Sapp, Jon Burdick, Angie Santiago Zayas, Kathy Sweetland, Anthony Plonczynski

Kathy Sweetland- Chair of the University Diversity and Inclusion Committee

- Spoke about her committee's work. Produced a poster of events for Black History Month and will create one for Women's History Month in March.
- Produced flyers about the President's Diversity Award winners and distributed them widely.
- Every month there will be a new flyer highlighting diversity initiatives on campus

Anthony Plonczynski- Campus Climate Survey Committee

- Biennial Survey distributed through email to each student
- Need students and staff to volunteer to table at Wilson Commons during the duration of the survey
- Need people to spread the word
- There will be talking points for people who are tabling

Michael Chen, President- Chinese Student Association

- Group's focus is on creating a safe and welcoming environment; try to steer clear of political conflict
- China Night posters defaced and torn down
- Someone spray-painted "Free Tibet" over the tunnel painting
- SA invited them to come and speak in front of the senate to get the word out about who they are – also suggested they be spotlighted on the SA website
- An article for the campus times was suggested
- A town hall meeting was also suggested to allow people to discuss this and other acts like this on campus
- CSA joining with other Asian organizations to co-sponsor events throughout April

Other topics of discussion

- Pacifica Forum meeting in Student Union at University of Oregon brought 2 speakers who were Holocaust deniers, distributed hate speech and painted a swastika on the floor. University administration was in the decision making process in terms of what they should do in light of these actions.