

Diversity Roundtable Minutes
9/29/10

Richard Feldman- welcome message

- Delighted to see all the students in attendance.
- Stressed that the Roundtable is an extremely important organization where students have an opportunity to discuss important events, a forum where students can talk about what's on their minds and we can have a frank discussion of the issues.
- While he greatly values your participation, he emphasizes your role as a conduit of information for your organizations and other students. Administrators can only effectively communicate with students if you bring that information back to your groups.
- Student participation is crucial

Ann Shields -Meliora weekend updates:

- SALSA and PRIDE 40th anniversaries
- Challenging finding alums- PRIDE had 5 different names over the years
- Meliora weekend is for students, too, celebration is in the hands of the students
- SALSA is sponsoring Junot Diaz on Friday night and a lunch on Saturday
- PRIDE hosts Jerome Goldstein on Thursday evening and Saturday
- Friday night will be an OMSA student alumni reception – an enthusiastic group of students is needed to host the alumni and parents
- Saturday afternoon is a panel of 5 students “Conversation on College Campus Diversity”- CDR program.

Chris Bethmann- updates

- Is working at admissions as an intern. Admissions hosted a summit on Native American Education with reps from all 5 nations of Iroquois, guidance counselors, etc.
- Planning a trip to Gonondagan 10/30 @ 1 pm. Two buses are reserved. Sponsored by the office of admissions, OMSA, CDR, chapel- contact Chris for more details.

Karen Villagomez- MSAB president

- MSAB is a liaison group between multicultural student groups and administration
- Present to discuss outcome of a incident that occurred on campus 9/11/10 when a student sponsored party resulted in injuries to several UR security officers- specifically to discuss the role of security and not the incident
- All the groups in MSAB feel they are treated like one big organization from the outside and wondered if there are implications for future parties sponsored by minority student organizations

- Dean Feldman stressed that there will not be any special security measures based on a student organizations status or membership. Administration is meeting to discuss these issues and the current thinking is that their needs to be a larger security presence when it is a larger party and people are invited from off-campus. They are still deciding if increased security presence is necessary, and who will bear the cost of additional officers.
- Several members of the roundtable with information stressed that the key to resolving these issues is proper planning between the Dean of Students office, Security and the student groups.
- Administration is meeting 10/13/2010 but there will be opportunities for student input
- Several suggestions were made including the importance of Security working with the Dean of Students office and the student groups, a spirit of cooperation, venue based checklist form, connecting with alumni in the community so you are reaching the right people, making arrangements far ahead of time so that everyone knows security plan but realizes security may have to make changes based on safety.