

## **College Diversity Roundtable**

Meeting Minutes

09/20/12

### **Welcome - Norman Burnett, Chair**

- CDR members will receive an email detailing the mission statement and the sub-committees.
- CDR members signed up for various sub-committees.
- The minutes will be available on the website shortly following each meeting. (<http://www.rochester.edu/college/roundtable/>)

### **Meliora Weekend Diversity Events (Karla Hatley)**

- Meliora Weekend is October 11-14, 2012.
- Registration is open until October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- All diversity events can be linked to the Meliora Weekend website if they aren't already.
- There is no registration fee for students, but they should register for all events online.
- The Celebration of Diversity Lunch on Saturday, October 13, 2012 will be held in The Meliora Restaurant from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. This event is ticketed but students who are interested should contact Norman Burnett or Beth Olivares.

### **New Intercultural Center Director Position (Beth Olivares)**

- Dean Feldman shared that 1 year ago the idea to establish a Multicultural Center on campus was discussed and widely supported.
- The name was changed to better support the mission.
- There is no designated space for the Intercultural Center but there is a search for a director.
- The job description was circulated at the meeting and provides a clear sense of the responsibilities. It is also available through HR.
- The Director will report to Matt Burns (ODOS) and Beth Olivares (Kearns).
- The Center will bring speakers to campus, host difficult conversations, and help build a global community.
- A notice will go out to students for volunteers to serve on the committee to interview finalists for the position.

### **Diversity and Inclusion Abroad (Marius Kothor)**

- Spent the Spring 2012 semester in Morocco on an IES sponsored program.
- She reported that the color of her skin posed an emotional and physical danger.
- She was called derogatory names and chased in the streets.

- She was not aware of race relations in the country.
- She did not have the tools necessary to combat the experiences.
- She would like to work with the Study Abroad department to create resources for underrepresented minority students studying abroad.

## Undergraduate Admission Programs

### I. The Prep School Negro Documentary and MVP Weekend (Michelle Thompson-Taylor)

- MVP is November 11-13, 2012
- Admissions is hoping to accommodate 70 prospective students
- Admissions will need the assistance of student groups to involve their membership in hosting.
- Student hosts can live in any University housing
- To engage visiting students, Admissions will be screening the film “Prep School Negro” on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The main character will be on campus for a discussion.
  - The film is open to the entire campus community.

### II. Native American Heritage Month (Carrie Trojanczyk)

- Planning an Education Summit to start a discussion on how to improve Native American programming at the University
- It will be a collaboration between other colleges
- Interested in having the CDR co-sponsor some events
- Looking for feedback on advertising
- There was a suggestion to create a committee to focus on this event

\*\*\* The CDR supports both events.

### Committee Updates: —MLK Commemorative Address (Thomas Crews)

- The speaker for the 2012 MLK Commemorative Address is Melissa Harris-Perry, Professor of Political Science at Tulane University.
- **Change in date:** The program will be on the MLK holiday, Monday, January 21, 2013.

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Fall 2012 Meeting Schedule  
College Diversity Roundtable (CDR)

Meliora Conference Room 366, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Thursday, October 18, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Thursday, November 15, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Thursday, December 13, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm