

## College Diversity Roundtable – Meeting Minutes 11/17/2010

MLK Speaker Update- Alvin Poussant

[Campus Climate Survey Results](#)- Beth Olivares

- Broad stroke overview of results
- Individual groups can get results that focus on different survey questions
- Groups are encouraged to contact Beth to come and give a presentation to their group
- As a result of the first climate survey all departments were trained about the survey, admissions gave presentations about how we attract/enroll students to dispel myths about financial aid, resulted in a lot of educational outreach
- Discussion around how to distribute results more widely

Israel Council – Campus Times Discussion

- Cultural and not a religious group
- Op-ed article published in the Campus Times (CT) presented incorrect information that threw group into a bad light
- Constant back and forth op ed pieces in the CT between the original author of the letter and the Israel council members- with the general feeling that it created an anti-Israel climate on campus that could have been avoided if CT did fact checking
- CT staff asks the community to reach out and help with fact checking-
- CT explained their position as a learning newspaper and they do try to check facts
- The responsibility of the editorial staff to print a correction to non- factual information in op-ed pieces was discusses

BSU – Campus Times Discussion

- BSU concerned that stories are not being published that feature events by cultural groups under MSAB
- Campus times responded –8/10 issues this academic year featured a story about one of the cultural groups on campus
- CT outlined their process for gathering stories- look at calendars to see what is happening in the upcoming week and then the editors send stories out to their staff members – try to get reporters and photographers out to events but there are too many events to cover all and there isn't always the interest by reporters to cover a story or event.
- News is often dominated by non-student events
- Club spotlight gives groups space to promote their groups/events- they can request to be featured
- Submit stories to [editor@campustimes.org](mailto:editor@campustimes.org)
- Don't allow student groups to report on their own events
- There is never a conscious decision to exclude any group or event.