College Diversity Roundtable Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2015 Gamble Room 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

In light of current events, it seems appropriate for us to have an open forum for our community and members of the College Diversity Roundtable (CDR) to discuss the racial tensions occurring at other college campuses as well as on our own. A safe space for our community to talk about the impact of Yik Yak and other Bias Related Incidents was created.

Yik Yak Update:

Special Guests from University Public Safety: Gerald Pickering, Deputy Director, and Lt. Joseph Reed, Patrol Supervision & Student Programs gave an update on Yik Yak. In regards to the offensive Yaks from November 2014 – the Department of Public Safety filed two requests in February 2015 to have the information removed and were denied both times. They also filed a Grand Jury Subpoena from the Rochester District Attorney's office in order to obtain the information stating that these posts violated our student code of conduct. In March, the Office of Counsel emailed a letter to Yik Yak demanding the removal of the offending posts, suspension of user privileges of the poster, and identification of the poster. Rick Crummins of the Office of Counsel was in communication with Yik Yak. In response, Yik Yak confirmed that they banned one of the posters and asked us to send any additional posts that could help them identify the other posters. Currently Yik Yak only releases the cell phone number and IP address of a post if there is threat of an active shooting. Yik Yak has been more responsive now that it had been earlier in the year.

Since this meeting, there has been additional information relayed to our community. Please see the **Briefing on Yik Yak Issues for more information.

- Save the dates for these Spring semester events:
 - o Conversation on Race (Jan. 18, 2016: 7 PM 9 PM, Haven's Lounge)
 - Conversation on Race & Poverty (Jan. 25, 2016: 7 PM 9 PM, Friel Lounge, Susan B. Anthony Hall)
 - o **CDR Meeting** (Feb. 2, 2016: 4:30 PM 6:00 PM, Stackel Conference Room)
 - o Posse Plus Retreat (Feb. 5-7, 2016)
 - o **CDR Meeting** (Mar. 1, 2016: 4:30 PM 6:00 PM, Stackel Conference Room)
 - o Joint Collegiate Black Student Summit (Mar. 4-6, 2016)
 - o **CDR Meeting** (Apr. 5, 2016: 4:30 PM 6:00 PM, Stackel Conference Room)

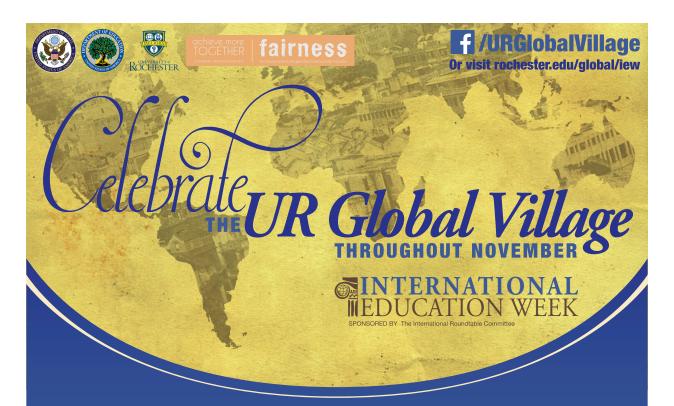
• Upcoming Events:

- o Celebrate International Education Week (Nov. 16-20)
- "I Stand With MU" (Nov. 20) U of R Students will stand in solidarity with Mizzou. "Let's come out and show our support for fellow students in their plight against systematic racism and oppression. We at the University of Rochester refuse to ignore the connections between our struggles. Therefore, we will be joining Missouri, Yale, Ithaca and colleges around the nation in protesting not only the anonymous social media platform, Yik Yak but also the university's continuous systematic failures in addressing the needs of marginalized and minority groups here on campus. Any support is appreciated. If you will be joining us, please wear ALL BLACK." Charlisa Goodlet



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MONTH-LONG EVENT

The River Campus Libraries' plan on celebrating the International Education Week all month-long! There will be book displays focusing on the achievement of two groups of people:

- UR faculty members who were the award recipients of Fulbright Scholarship and the American Rhodes Scholarships. This display will showcase their publications and achievements. Co-sponsored by the Fellowships Office.
- The "Famous People Who Studies Abroad" series. Prestigious scholars will be selected from various subject areas and books about them or their research will be displayed.

In addition to the displays mentioned above, the Third Culture Kids Series and UR International Community book displays will be on exhibition as well.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Club Rochester - Remember Your Roots: Celebrating Indigenous Cultures @ 4 - 5:30 PM

A great place to meet, eat, and relax with students, faculty, and staff. Enjoy delicious free appetizers and low-cost beverages at this monthly happy hour! This event is cosponsored by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and the Spanish and Latino Students' Association.

Diwali Dinner @ 6 - 8 PM
Douglass Dining Hall, Frederick Douglass Building

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Interfaith Thanksgiving Banquet @ 6 - 8 PM

Thanksgiving dinner with a presentation by students who attended the Parliament of the World's Religions. Food, fun, interfaith dialogue, and activities. Learn about the global interfaith movement and how you can become involved RSVP needed. Students will be debited \$8 from their dining card. Others pay 88. Turkey and trimmings and vegetarian options available. For more information, please contact Denise Yarbrough, 585-275-8422.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

From Reservation Boarding School to the Dean's Team, Tassy Parker, RN, PhD @ 4:30 - 6:30 PM

reasociate professor of family and community medicine and of nursing, and an assistant dean for academic affairs at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She is also the director of the Center for Native American Health (CNAH)—Institute for Indigenous Knowledge & Development (IIKD) at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Parker is from the Sencea Nation (Beaver Clan) in western New York This event is sponsored by the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC)'s Office for Inclusion and Culture Development. To RSVP, email Grace Fuller at

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Global Local Celebration @ 5 - 8 PM

Dining Services invites you to celebrate the diversity of the University of Rochester through food! The Global Local Celebration offers international dishes crafted using local ingredients and show-casing local vendors. Stop by with an open mind and an empty stomach.

Featured Event

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

UR Global Village @ 11 AM - 2 PM

Hirst Lounge, Wilson Commons

Explore and celebrate global culture and diversity at our International Education Week signature event. Located in Hirst Lounge, this year's flags represent our international student body. Come get your face painted with your chosen flags and share your national pride with the world by having your picture taken. There will be music, snacks, free giveaways, and a flag competition with a prize to the winner(s). Sponsored by the International Education

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Native American Student Association (NASA) Annual Dinner

Join Native American members of the University community over traditional Native American food and hear a Thanksgiving address by Rosenhase Dalton LaBarge of the Mohawk Language Group in Rochester. This event is cosponsored by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence. To RSVP, email Campbell Halligan at campbell.halligan@

The Middle Eastern Showcase @ 6 - 8 PM

Stop by Hirst Lounge and travel to the Middle East! Enjoy food, music and dance while learning about Middle Eastern history and culture. Participate in fun activities like Arabic calligraphy and henna. For more information, please contact Michael Dedes atmichael.v.dedes@rochester.edu.

One Community Dialogue @ 6:30 - 8 PM

This One Community Dialogue in conjunction with International Education Week will focus on exploring refugee status and experience in the United States and abroad. Students, staff and faculty are invited to join the Paul J.Burgett Intercultural Center for an open conversation. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Ellie Law at elaw2@urochester.edu.

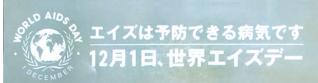
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Pan African Students' Association Art Exhibition @ 4 - 6 PM

The Pan African Students' Association (PASA) is hosting its annual Art Exhibition. The theme of the event is centered around Storytelling, more specifically geared towards folklore stories and will include themed story sessions at various points in time.

Pan African Students' Association Fall Showcase @ 7 - 9 PM

journey through Africa" featuring performances from the different dance groups that fall under the organization: Ma'Frissah (West African Dance) and Axum (East African Dance), as well as performances from PASApella (the acapella singing group). The theme of the event is centered around Storytelling, more specifically geared towards folklore stories.



AIDS EDUCATION POSTERS TRANSLATION PROJECT

Hawkins-Carlson Room Rush Rhees Library November 30, 2015 7pm-9pm

There will be posters on display the evening of November 30th, there will also be posters on view at Miner Library, Carlson Science Library, the Physics, Optics, and Astronomy Library, as well as in the Wilson Commons Bridge. Slideshows that include both posters and student translations will be on view in Wilson Commons during the week of November 30th.

We hope you'll join the River Campus Libraries as we celebrate the translation of selected German, Spanish, French, and Japanese posters in the AIDS Education Posters Collection that students have completed through classes in the Modern Languages and Cultures Department. During the event there will be posters on display that highlight both translations and student reflections about the project. Students will share their experiences working on this project, and language instructors will talk about how this translation assignment offers students the

opportunity to better

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