

**Report from the James Farmer Multicultural Center Advisory Committee
January 27, 2012**

Members in Attendance: Julius Esunge (chair), Greta Franklin, Leanna Giancarlo, Connie Smith, Charlie Girard, Marjahn Goodman, and Marion Sanford

The committee met on Monday, January 27, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Leanna Giancarlo read the minutes from the previous meeting on November 21, 2012. The group approved the minutes.

Marion Sanford, Director of the JFMC provided the committee with several updates.

- The director told the committee that there are currently about a dozen applicants for the mentor program, and the RISE program is aiming for 25 mentors for full implementation for the fall of 2012.
- The director announced that the University concluded campus interviews for the candidates for the Assistant Director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center and the goal is for the position to be filled in February.
- The director reminded the committee that the Brown Bag Lunch Series will resume on February 8th during the Black History Month Celebration.
- The director also informed the committee that the Islamic Cultural Banquet was a success and well-attended.
- The director talked to the committee about the James Farmer Essay Contest, and informed the committee that the contest is still in the planning stages. The director anticipates that this will not happen until at least next year.
- In regards to previous discussions about an alumni database for the JFMC, the center has an intern this semester who will be working on the Alumni Database
- Julius Esunge asked the director about the Multicultural Leadership Council, and their next meeting is February 7th at 6pm. The MLC will be discussing the Peer Mentor Program, running tables at the Multicultural Fair, and selecting seniors for the JFMC Senior Recognition Program.
- It was shared that they (Res. Life) are creating a Social Justice Living/Learning Community in which Matt Johnson would play an integral role.

Greta Franklin provided an overview of the upcoming Black History Month events. The first event is Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

The advisory committee meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the JFMC Committee is scheduled for February 20th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the JFMC.

Charles Girard