

**Minutes of the Meeting of the James Farmer Multicultural Center
Faculty Advisory Committee**

February 2, 2015

Lee 211, 4 – 5 pm

Present: Tracy Citeroni (Chair); Mara Scanlon; Melody Denhere (Secretary); Marion Sanford (Director), Alexander Taggart; Lila Spitz

Apologies: Jose Sainz; Antonio Causarano

1. Review of last meeting's minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were adopted and approved.

2. Director's Report

Marion gave a report on the activities and events that took place since the start of the spring semester or to be held during the next few weeks. These include: -

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations

- On January 18th, the MLK Jr. Kids Day was held and was a huge success. There were children from the Fredericksburg community that engaged in fun games and crafts centered on Dr. King's dream and vision with the help of UMW students.
- The keynote speaker, Ernest Green, gave his address on January 21st. Ernest Green was among a group of African Americans called the Little Rock Nine, who were the first to integrate Central High School in 1957.
- A blood drive was conducted on the 22nd of January as part of the events lined up for the week's celebration. It was co-sponsored by BSA, BOND, and WOC.

- On Saturday, January 24th, the MLK Jr. celebration ended with a Day of Service. This event provided UMW students and clubs an opportunity to give back to the community by engaging in projects that will help and serve those less fortunate. There was a good attendance by diverse student groups.

Black History Month Celebration

- Throughout the month of February, there will be Cuisines of Black Cultures held on Mondays. This will showcase different cuisines such as African, Caribbean, Creole Cajun and Southern Soul Food.
- The keynote program will feature Judge Glenda Hatchett. Judge Hatchett has served as Delta Air Lines' Senior Attorney, and then appointed as Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County (Atlanta, Georgia) Juvenile Court – becoming the first African-American Chief Presiding Judge of a state court in Georgia. Currently, she presides over the two-time Emmy nominated nationally syndicated show, *Judge Hatchett*, now in its 11th season. This program will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 7:00 pm. in Dodd Auditorium.
- Cheap Seats Cinema sponsored the screening of the 'Dear White People' movie. This event will cost only \$1 and will be held over the weekend of 13 – 15 February.
- There are other events and activities scheduled for the month's celebration as highlighted in the Cultural Programming and Collaborations report.

Women's History Month Celebration

- There are still some funding concerns for the future, although these were adequately met for this year's event. The committee will follow through with sending an email highlighting the importance of ensuring funds are available for the continual successful running of this program.
- Student committees were encouraged to get funds from the Finance Committee or other sources this year for any WHM programs they wanted to implement.

RISE Peer-Mentoring Program

- Peer mentor applications for the 2015 – 2016 academic year are open until February 20.
- There were 4 additional mentees that joined the program at the start of the spring semester – 3 new transfers and 1 new freshman.
- A stress management workshop was held on Thursday, January 29.

Miscellaneous

- Food and craft vendors for the Multicultural Fair are already in place. The rain location is Anderson Center.
- The Multicultural Center is working with the office of Advancement and University Relations to look into community sponsorship initiatives.
- Nominations for the Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership Scholarship are open until February 6th.
- The James Farmer Postdoc for Civil Rights and Social Justice is continuing her great work and contributions to the JFMC and

Mary Washington. There will be a few workshops and programs outlined for this semester.

3. Other

One member announced they attended the Safe Space training at the beginning of the semester. This was a 3-hr workshop held at the ITCC. Hopefully, there will be additional opportunities for other individuals to undergo training on campus.

There was no other business.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.