

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

March 9, 2015

Lee 211, 4 – 5 pm

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

Apologies: Jose Sainz

1. Review of last meeting's minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were adopted and approved.

2. Director's Report

A report on events for the month of March and the remainder of the semester was given as below,

Women's History Month Celebration

- The month-long celebration kicked-off with a multimedia exhibit on March 9th showcasing women whose contributions to society were significant.
- All the events for the month were sufficiently funded for this year's celebration. Feminists United on Campus and other student groups were able to receive funds from the Finance Committee. Additional sources of funding were obtained from the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Women's and Gender Studies program, and the James Farmer Multicultural Center.

- It was agreed that the importance of this celebration and the need to have a dedicated institutional budget to support it be communicated so that future funding for this celebration is assured. The committee will explore ways to articulate this message to the University.

Islamic Cultural Celebration

- The week-long celebration will begin on March 30th and will end with the Islamic Cultural Banquet on Thursday, April 2nd at 6 pm in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room. The keynote speaker this year, Noor Tagouri, is a much-talked about Libyan-American journalist in America.

Passover

- The Passover Seder will take place on Tuesday, April 7th at 6 pm in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room. The Jewish Student Association/Hillel is working hard in planning and coordinating this event.

RISE Peer-Mentoring Program

- About twenty peer mentor applications for the 2015 – 2016 academic year were received. The JFMC will seek to recruit a few more students.
- The interviewing process will begin soon for those new to the program, and a two-day training workshop will be held later for the 2015-16 peer mentors.

Miscellaneous

- The 25th annual Multicultural Fair preparations are well underway, with brochures and flyers being circulated to diverse places in the community.
- Efforts to look for sponsorship initiatives are also ongoing. Most companies and banks approached had indicated that such opportunities were available for consideration within their respective fiscal years. Some had indicated interest in funding the Cultural Awareness Series and the Multicultural Center plan to make follow-ups on these initiatives within the appropriate time frame.
- The Senior Recognition Program will be held on April 16th at 6:30pm.

3. Other

There was no other business.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.