

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

April 13, 2015

Lee 211, 4 – 5 pm

Present: Tracy Citeroni (Chair); Melody Denhere (Secretary); Antonio Causarano; Marion Sanford (Director); Jose Sainz; Lila Spitz

Apologies: Mara Scanlon; Alexander Taggert; Xiaofeng Zhao (new member)

1. Review of last meeting's minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were adopted and approved.

2. 2015-2016 Officers

Officers for the 2015-2016 committee were nominated and unanimously voted for as follows:

- Melody Denhere (Chair)
- Antonio Causarano (Secretary)

3. Director's Report

A report on events that took place in March as well as remaining events for the semester was given as below,

Women's History Month Budget Proposal

- An email highlighting the importance of ensuring that this celebration has a dedicated institutional budget to support it was sent on March 31st by Mara Scanlon on behalf of the advisory committee to the University leadership, CAS Dean and UBAC chair.

- There are ongoing discussions on evaluating the program, and reports on previous CARC funding have been sent as requested. Meetings with other concerned parties will follow in the coming weeks.
- Meanwhile, the CAS Dean has committed to providing some financial support for the 2016 WHM celebration. The JFMC and WGST will seek to identify other funding resources for the upcoming year.

25th Annual Multicultural Fair

- The fair was a great success and there has been a lot of positive feedback from attendees.
- This year was the 25th anniversary of the Fair. In recognition of this milestone, the JFMC invited the first coordinators of the Fair to attend this event. The first coordinators of the fair in 1990 were Dean Cedric Rucker, Forrest Parker and Brenda King.
- An estimated 5,000 – 6,000 attendees were at this year's event.

Miscellaneous

- The Islamic Cultural Celebration progressed well and the keynote speaker, Noor Tagouri, gave a great talk.
- The Passover Seder occurred on Tuesday, April 7th at 6 pm in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room.
- The Senior Recognition Program will be held on April 16th at 6:30 pm.
- Day of Silence will be on Friday, April 17th with Moment of Silence at noon and then from 4-6 pm activities for Break the Silence at the Ball Circle.

- The James Farmer Multicultural Center will be relocating to the 3rd floor of the University Center in the fall of 2015, along with the Office of Student Activities and Engagement and the Center for Honor, Leadership and Service.

4. Other

There was no other business.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.