

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

September 2, 2014

Lee 211, 2 – 3 pm

**Present:** Tracy Citeroni ; Mara Scanlon ; Patricia Reynolds ; Jose Sainz ;  
Melody Denhere; Marion Sanford (Director)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Review of Role of the Committee**

Marion shared the role of the committee. This is *‘to advise the Director and staff of the James Farmer Multicultural Center (JFMC) on planning, prioritizing, multicultural learning, leadership development and also facilitate communication and coordination between faculty and the JFMC’.*

In addition to the faculty present, there will be 2 student representatives. There was discussion on getting COB representation in the committee, with Patricia volunteering to follow up on that.

**3. Nominations and Elections of 2014 – 2015 Officers**

Officers for 2014-2015 were elected as,

- Chair – Tracy Citeroni
- Secretary – Melody Denhere

**4. Director’s Report**

The LGBTQ Climate Survey was completed and UMW scored 4 out of 5 stars last time. This ranking seems to have positively impacted

recruitment, and another round of the survey is currently being completed. Marion stated that there is a LGBTQ Ad-Hoc committee on campus that addresses the needs of our students in this community. One accomplishment of the work of this committee last year was the identification of gender-neutral bathrooms in all academic buildings. Marion also shared the activities set out for the academic year (the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cultural Awareness Series) which kicks-off on 09/15 with the Latino Identities Month and ending with the annual Multicultural Fair on 04/11. She also shared the newsletter to alumni and talked of the Alumni Spotlight initiative coming soon. The RISE peer-mentoring program has 28 mentees and 20 mentors this year. Different activities will be structured to involve and engage the mentees with the UMW and Fredericksburg community.

#### **5. Monthly Meeting Schedule**

Meetings were scheduled for Mondays at 4pm. The next meetings will be on 10/06 and 11/10.

#### **6. Other**

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.