

James Farmer Multicultural Center Faculty Advisory Committee
Minutes

November 14, 2017

4:00 pm

Members Present: Dr. Marion Sanford, Director of JFMC; Dr. Antonio Causarano (Chair); Dr. Leo Lee (Secretary); Dr. Xiaofeng Zhao; Dr. Maia Magrakvelidze; and Dr. Kashef Majid.

Approval of minutes – The minutes were presented and approved unanimously from the previous meeting on October 10, 2017.

Director's report:

- Marion said that there would be two student representatives for next meeting waiting for approval.
- We completed four cultural celebrations successfully thus far including Asian and Jewish Cultural Celebrations in November, 2017.
- We have the Native American Cultural Celebration 2017 from Monday, November 13, 2017 to Friday, November 17, 2017. There will be Native American Cultural Performance – Round Dance organized by the Native American Student Association on Thursday, November 16, 5:30 p.m. on Ball Circle. On the same day, we will have a Native American Cultural Celebration Keynote program with Rose Powhatan, Native American Storyteller at 7 p.m. in the Chandler Ballroom, University Center.
- On Thursday, November 30, 6 p.m., there will be Kwanzaa in the Chandler Ballroom, University Center. This will be co-sponsored by the Black Student Association. Kwanzaa is a week-long festival celebrating the African American people, their history and culture.
- Marion informed of the plans for the upcoming Women's History Month celebration (March 2018); the WHM program proposals are due by December 5, 2017.
- Marion mentioned a social justice discussion series taking place throughout the year that will lead up a day-long Social Justice and Leadership Summit on Saturday, March 24th. The first program featured a presentation and discussion with three faculty panelists focusing on Immigration in America held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. This was co-sponsored by the Diversity Unity and Coordinating Committee (DUCC) of the SGA and the James Farmer Multicultural Center. On November 15th, we will have two discussion events as follows: One will be a discussion about "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women" as part of the NACC from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Colonnade Room, UC. The other will be a student discussion activity "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" about white supremacy, nationalism, patriotism, and social justice in the Chandler Ballroom, UC at 6 p.m. This last program is co-sponsored with the Brothers of a New Direction (BOND) student club and DUCC. Several other MLC student leaders will participate in facilitating discussion groups.
- Marion provided an update about RISE peer mentoring program, which is a student to student program helping and encouraging first-year, new students' success and retention

at UMW. There will be one more workshop remaining this semester for the mentees in the program.

The committee chair gave information about uploading our committee meeting minutes.

The Committee will have its next meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.