

James Farmer Multicultural Center Faculty Advisory Committee Minutes

November 1, 2018

4:00 pm

Members Present:

Dr. Marion Sanford – Director of JFMC;
Dr. Leo Lee (Math.) – Chair;
Dr. Maia Magrakvelidze (Phys.) – Secretary;
Dr. Alexandra Dunn (Business);
Dr. Suzie Kim (Art History);
Dr. Melissa Wells (Education);
Erin Shaw – Student representative.

Absent: Jason Ford – Student representative.

Approval of minutes — The minutes were presented from the previous meeting on September 20, 2018 and approved unanimously.

Director's Report –

- Cultural Programming and Social Justice Initiatives update
Dr. Sanford started her report with an overview of the Cultural Programming Series events that JFMC sponsors for the rest of the fall semester. The events include:
 1. Taste of Asia, happening this Saturday at 4:00 pm
 2. Campus discussions of events in relation with the Pittsburgh Synagogue shooting and outreach to the Jewish Student Association and all members of the Jewish community
 3. Jewish Cultural Celebration Keynote Performer: Dr. Mark Naison on Nov. 8th
 4. Native American Cultural Keynote Performer: Uptown Boyz on Nov. 15th
 5. Kwanzaa is the last cultural event for the semester. It is scheduled for Nov. 29th.
More details about the events can be found at: <https://students.umw.edu/multicultural/ca/>
- Social Justice Initiatives update:
 1. An overview of the first-ever Social Justice Fall Break trip to Montgomery and Selma, AL was presented. Based on their experiences and feedback, this social justice trip had a big impact on the 19 students that traveled. The students will be sharing their experiences with their peers in numerous social justice events, as well as with the administration. Will explore ways on how this can become an annual opportunity for the students.
 2. The JFMC is co-sponsoring a program this evening at 6:00 pm with the College of Business highlighting the history and value of cooperative initiatives in America. This program will feature Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard.
 3. The Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership recipient, Erin Shaw, is coordinating a program on mental health as it relates to diverse communities that will take place on Nov. 27th. This program is co-sponsored by the JFMC and Safe Zone.

4. The next JFMC Human Rights Film Series will take place during the NACC on Nov. 12th. The film shown will be “More Than A Word.”

- RISE Peer Mentoring Program update
 - two workshops thus far this year – one more scheduled on Nov. 26th
 - Haunting trip in downtown Fredericksburg was “very interesting” and enlightening for the group
 - Bowling trip will take place later this month
- Review of President Paino’s Strategic Vision goals related to diversity and inclusion and the work of the JFMC

The committee reviewed President Paino’s Strategic Vision, especially goals #1 and #4. A discussion began last spring semester regarding the role of the JFMC in helping to realize these goals. It was shared that the committee will resume these discussions and work to outline specific ways it envisions this involvement. Now we have working committee on diversity and inclusion that can reach both, faculty and students.

Cultural competency – the committee will discuss topics and strategies regarding how cultural competency can be implemented and enhanced in classrooms and on campus in general.

New Business: Few questions/ issues were asked/raised from the committee members:

- Related to the James Farmer Scholar’s program outreach to the secondary schools in the area.
- Distributing the cultural event flyers/postcards to the interested faculty
- UMW main website should have more of the wonderful events JFMC is organizing

In the next meeting, Committee is going to spend most of the time discussing the President’s Strategic Vision goals #1 and #4.

Next meeting:

➤ **Thursday, December 6th at 4:00 pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.