JFMC Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting

Director’s Repot

Friday, April 22, 2022

1. Cultural programming updates
* The JFMC has now concluded all cultural programming for the year. We were excited to host the Multicultural Fair again as an in-person outdoor event. We were appreciative of the support from our many campus partners, volunteers, vendors, performers, and visitors. It was a great event!
* Also, we had a successful Passover Seder event this past Tuesday. It was co-sponsored by the Jewish Student Association. They did a marvelous job with the ceremony and explaining the history of Passover. It was well attended and the dinner was wonderful.
* The JFMC is now working with various MLC clubs as we begin the planning process for the different cultural celebration for the upcoming year. We will be reaching out to academic departments and faculty for possible collaborations with the various programs and events.
1. Social Justice initiatives
* The last Social Justice Teach-In program was held on Monday, March 21 at 6 pm in Chandler Ballroom C. It was a panel discussion that explored women’s education on a global scale and how individuals and organization were and can advocate for equitable access to education worldwide. It was a very enlightening program with resources provided for everyone.
1. Farmer Fellows updates
* The new Farmer Fellows are continuing with their in-depth weekly training sessions. They will conclude the spring training on Tuesday, May 3. Then they will begin their ongoing training and preparation sessions starting mid-May. We held a special end-of-the-year gathering on Friday, April 15th to recognize and celebrate the current Farmer Fellows. We especially acknowledged the graduating Fellows and their contributions to the program.
1. Old Business – update on preferred names and pronouns with different University systems (e.g., Banner, Eagle One, Canvas, etc.)
* Dr. Laura Wilson, director of the Safe Zone program who has been spearheading this initiative, shared that students now have the control to be able to change their own preferred name in Banner. The info on how to do it and what that means can be found here <https://academics.umw.edu/registrar/student-name-on-university-documents-preferred-name/>.  Students also have the option to get a new Eagle One card printed with their preferred name on it. It costs $20 to do so because there is a fee to get a new card for any reason. We will eventually have the option for students to list pronouns in Banner, which will then generate in the class rosters. We don't have an estimated date for when that will be available.