

The University of Louisiana at Monroe
Diversity Committee
10-22-2007

Members Present: Dr. Wayne Brumfield Dr. Pamela Saulsberry
Mrs. Betty Cooper Mrs. Dinah Williams
Dr. Debra Jackson Dr. Robert Hanser
Ms. Debbie Dameron Dr. Jerrilene Washington
Dr. Wayne Brumfield Dr. Florencetta Gibson
Dr. John Anderson

Members Absent: Mr. Ron Philips Mr. Robert Flowers
Mr. Justin Roy Mr. Johnny Riley
Dr. Fred Adams

The meeting was called to order by Robert Hanser (Chair) on Monday, October 22nd, at 4:15 p.m. in the Library room 622. During this meeting, the following items were discussed:

Item 1 - Minutes Approved

Minutes from 09-24-2007 were read and approved by the committee, pending minor corrections/modifications.

Item 2 – Mix-It-Up

The committee discussed the logistics of sponsoring the Mix-It-Up event during the Fall Semester, noting that this function has traditionally been a signature event of the Diversity Committee. Members agree to press forward with the planning of this event to occur in November of 2007.

Item 3 – NAAAS Conference

Rob brought up the 2008 Annual Conference of the National Association of African American Studies, to occur in Baton Rouge in February of 2008. The possibility of attending had occurred via e-mail exchange among committee members. As a means of providing follow-up assistance to the committee, Rob noted that abstracts for potential presenters would need to be submitted quickly (by 01 November, 2007) and offered to host a panel that could be attended by the entire Diversity Committee. While faculty indicated willingness to attend, only Rob Hanser and Pamela Saulsberry expressed a willingness to complete an abstract by the deadline required. That abstract has since been sent and accepted for the conference.

Item 4 – E-Mail Dialogue

Rob noted the importance of communication between committee members and asked that members make a point to be responsive to the e-mail dialogue that occurred among committee members. This was noted as being especially important during subcommittee planning and other deadline-oriented activities.

Item 5 – Committee Assignments

Rob indicated that a secretary would be appointed at the next regular meeting. He asked those interested to feel free to e-mail him during the month ahead. If no committee members expressed interest, he noted that an appointment would be made during the meeting on 26 November, 2007.

In addition, Rob asked that two students be identified and appointed to the committee for the spring semester.

Item 6 – Community Organization Involvement

Rob noted that community involvement would aid with various activities related to the committee and asked if it would be good to have representatives from agencies such as the local Family Justice Center attend some meetings. The committee agreed to this idea and was supportive of future collaborative efforts.

Item 7 – Further Collaborative Efforts

The possibility of collaborating with the Department of Justice, Community Relations Service was discussed. A possible “working lunch” was discussed as an opportunity for the committee. More information on this opportunity would be explored in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Hanser
Chair, University Diversity Committee

24 October, 2007