Diversity Awareness Committee
Meeting Minutes

10/08/08 4:00PM
Location 1874, University Center

Members present: Brad, Ruth, Lexy and Mark

- **Single event funding request:** Brad informed the group of a funding request by the International Student Association for participation in International Education Week. The event has been held yearly at UW-RF and is utilized to broaden awareness in a global perspective. The request was for $1500.00, $500.00 for food, $500.00 for equipment and rent and $500.00 for promotional items. The event is open to all students and invitations are extended to local schools and teachers. Motion by Ruth seconded by Lexy to approve the $1500.00 request for the International Student Association. Motion was passed.
- **Unity updates and tasks:**
    1. Tibetan Monk Sand Art: Brad continues to investigate getting the group committed to the Unity celebration.
    2. Step Group: Karyn is taking care of this.
    3. HOLI with DESI: Was discussed and explained and efforts will be made to have the event again this year.
    4. Powwow: Mark is working with the Native American Council on this project.
    5. Swedish Institute: evolving
    6. Nursing home: evolving
    7. Guatemalan Dance: Keila is researching this event.
    8. Poet: Mark informed the committee that he has contacted a poet who seems willing to create a poem or poems relative to Unity.
    9. Other: Discussion of other opportunities, The Native American Council bringing in a speaker for Unity. A DJ playing a list of world music. An art competition involving recyclable materials.
- **Unity Collaboration:**
    1. Who should plan with us? The committee discussed the possibility of working with other campus groups and organizations and how to get them involved.
    2. How do we connect with students and student organizations? Discussion explored options including; word of mouth, contacting student entertainment and arts committees and setting up a table in the University Center at high flow traffic times to get students involved.
    3. Historical lack of participation by groups: Brad explained that in years past organization said they would participate in Unity, but failed at times to come through. Ruth suggested that this year we should schedule trial rehearsals for groups 2 weeks prior to the celebration to insure the sincerity of participation.

- **DAC Outing:** Brad informed the committee of the possibility of the group attending an event on November 19th at the Midtown Global Market, which would include dinner, Irish dancing and lessons.
- **Upcoming Events:** Members were informed of the upcoming events of the weekend at UW-RF including The Big Event/Family Day, ComedySportz in the ballroom at UC and StepAfrika in the North Hall Auditorium. The committee was also reminded of the Global Drum Project on 10/16/18 in North Hall.
- **Book Club:** Karyn is investigating the price of the books and other options relative to the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM