September 21, 2012

Minutes from the Diversity Committee

Attending:

Cindy Yarberry, co-chair  
Jean Bailey, co-chair
Leah Martin  
Chris Keener
Joyce Walborn  
Brett King
Elyse Lovell  
Tracie Hayward, student

Absent:  
Laura Gifreda

I. Members introduced themselves and enjoyed a diversity cultural activity to start the meeting.

II. We reviewed the mission statement, scope, and goals for the committee.

III. Committee positions were filled as following: Cindy and Jean are the co-chairs, though Jean is leaving; Joyce, Leah, and Tracie will serve as program coordinators; and George will serve as the academic liaison. Brett offered to take minutes from the next meeting on.

IV. We reviewed the assessment report and made some changes to some of the goals. The goals are due to Mike Brown by October 12th. Jean made the changes to the original and will get them to Cindy so she can have them for the next meeting. (This is Jean’s last meeting.) As part of the goal on dating violence, Katie Waayenberg will be coming into a number of psychology classes this fall to talk about these issues. We will also be coordinating a large-scale presentation with Carroll in the spring.

V. Other programming that we talked about for fall included a pictorial representation from the Smithsonian about inclusion that we would like to have up in October, and a presentation from the Pride Foundation about scholarships for Montana students in November.

VI. Our next meeting time will be Friday, October 26, at 9:00 a.m.