Diversity Committee Minutes

October 26, 2012

Members Present: Tina Bright, Laura Gilfreda, Christina Keener, Elyse Lovell, George Sonnenberg, Joyce Walborn, Cindy Yarberry (chair)

Members Absent: Tracy Hayward, Brett King, Leah Martin

I. Cindy reported that the final annual planning assessment form has been forwarded to Mike Brown. She also noted that consideration is being given to including diversity competence as a required part of the Core Curriculum.

II. Elyse reported that the Friendship Center has been giving presentations to the Intro to Psychology classes on domestic violence. She also presented a summary of services provided by Family Outreach and provided contact information. Tom Burkhart of Family Outreach is available to speak to classes regarding their services and employment opportunities for students.

III. Joyce has finalized the Pride Scholarship Application and Training program for 11/13/12. Committee members discussed how to best market this presentation to the student body.

IV. The Silhouette display depicting Montana victims of domestic violence will be at Helena College on a date to be announced. Volunteers are needed to do symbolic fingernail painting and to provide handouts. Nursing students will be asked to participate.

V. A joint presentation with Carroll College by Elin Waddell, author of Tornado Warning, will take place. Ms Waddell will also be available as a guest speaker for classes here and will be giving a joint presentation at Carroll College.

VI. The Smithsonian presentation of photographs of diversity throughout US history will be coming to Helena College in January.

VII. Elyse also announced that the Intro to Psychology and the Research Methods students will be giving poster presentations on research projects involving diverse groups of the student body.

VIII. Committee members discussed how to meet the mandatory requirement for student education on Domestic Violence.

IX. The next meeting is scheduled for 11/30/12 at 9:00 am.