Diversity Committee Minutes

November 30th, 2012

Members Present: Tina Bright, Therese Collette, Elyse Lovell, Joyce Walborn, Cindy Yarberry (chair)

Members Absent: Tracy Hayward, Brett King, Christina Keener, Laura Gifreda, George Sonnenberg

I. Joyce reported on the Pride Scholarship presentation given in November. There was good attendance, and several students followed up with the Financial Aid office. We had a thank-you card that the committee signed to give to the presenter. We decided that it would be a good presentation to continue having in the fall, with perhaps extending an invitation to Carroll and high school students to attend.

II. Elyse summarized assessment results from her students on a test that related to presentations in October from the Friendship Center.

III. The committee discussed the Silent Witness Display that was put up on campus in November. Even though there was a good bit of negative feedback, there were also many positive responses. There was an unfortunate lack of response at the airport campus to getting the display set up there. We thought that perhaps the construction students might be interested in helping spiff up the figures; Cindy will contact Jim More about that.

IV. Cindy informed the committee that Carroll has backed out of the presentation to be offered in the spring. Without Carroll’s committee, it is hard to justify an expense of about $3000 for just our campus.

V. Elyse reports that the Smithsonian presentation of photographs of diversity throughout US history is on track to be on our campus in January. Elyse will check with Barb about the availability of the glass display case.

VI. Elyse also updated us on the Intro to Psychology and the Research Methods students’ poster presentations on research projects. These projects will be presented on Tuesday, December 4th, in the Student Center.

VII. Committee members discussed ideas for the spring. One idea that we liked was to have an ethic fair with students from different countries setting up a booth in the Student Center that lets other students learn about their culture. We set a tentative time for after spring break.

VIII. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/25/13 at 9:00 am.