Diversity Committee Minutes

September 10, 2014

- Membership: we need one member from Student Senate. Joyce will contact Ben Nickol about selecting someone to serve on our committee.
- Our budget was approved at $800 ($500 meetings, $300 office supplies)
- We set program goals for AY 14-15. They are:
  a. Create a monthly display of cultural information at the HC library
  b. Promote community events pertaining to diversity awareness
  c. Partner with other institutional committees to provide diversity events on campus (we have been approached by Institutional Advancement, Student Life and Financial Aid to help with events already)
- Dauneen and Therese have agreed to be in charge of the bulletin board. If you have any diversity information that you would like to post, please email it to Dauneen or Therese.
- Leadership has offered to purchase a display case that will hold up to 3 posters. Joyce will get the link from Russ and send to the committee.
- Upcoming events:
  a. Constitution Day is September 17th and Jen Schade has been working with Val Curtin to put on an event. The Secretary of State’s office has provided flyers about voter registration and Jen will host a booth in the Student Center. The committee approved the purchase of candy for the booth.
  b. Ellen Baumler- Chinese in Montana: Our Forgotten Pioneers will be on Tuesday, September 23rd, 6:30-8:00pm in the Lecture Hall. Robyn is looking in to printing a few large posters for the event. Jen Schade will color flyers in her office and Joyce will distribute on campus. We will ask Barb McAlmond if there are any Helena College items that we could use as a thank you gift for Ellen. We will advertise on the bulletin board and ask Barb to put the information on the electronic board and newsletter. During the talk Mary Lannert will advertise next
year’s travel abroad to China. Marketing will pay for the ad in the IR. We decided on no food or drink for the event.

c. Robyn will look into the cost of printing the Smithsonian posters at Costco. Staples has a price of $19.99 for 18 x 24 color. We would then mount them ourselves on foam board.

d. Book club book is Snow Falling on Cedars. We will aim for the materials to be available early December so that students can read it over break. We will have the discussion in January followed by the movie. Joyce will ask Mary Ann to arrange for the kit from Glacier Public Library.

e. October event will promote Hispanic Heritage Month. Robyn will preview Los Graduados which is about 6 Hispanic students and their experiences. We will most likely show the DVD on Wednesdays at noon during October.

f. November we are partnering with Student Life Committee and Institutional Advancement Committee for Native American Heritage Month. Joyce will ask Helena Indian Alliance and American Indian/Minority Achievement Program director Brandi Foster about possible ideas such as artifacts, DVDs or demonstrations.