

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Meeting Notice

Name of Organization: Culture & Diversity Committee
Meeting Time: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Meeting Date: Thursday, April 24, 2008
Meeting Location: N/E 123

Members present: Marguerite Parks, Tom Fischer, Annette Smith, Sue Fondrie
Guests: Al Felice, Jean Inda, Michelina Manzi, MaryBeth Petesch

New Business

1. Topic: Higher GPA requirement for Urban/Tribal student teaching

MaryBeth Petesch provided information regarding the history of the higher GPA requirement and noted that the typical issue is not the professional GPA but the cumulative GPA. Discussion followed regarding potential impact on students who may because of their backgrounds be more likely to opt for urban/tribal placements. The CDC will consider recommending aligning the GPA requirements for all student teaching options at its next meeting.

2. Topic: Diversity Plan for COEHS

Because NCATE requests a college diversity plan, the CDC will recommend college discussion regarding and formation of such a plan. Discussion followed regarding assessment and accountability issues. Michelina Manzi volunteered to research other colleges' existing diversity plans in order to inform the CDC.

3. Topic: Guest speaker Al Felice and COEHS support for supporting potential first-generation college students currently in middle school

Al Felice shared ways the COEHS faculty and students might support his proposed program to support local middle school students as they move toward a college experience as first-generation applicants.

4. Topic: Equity Scorecard follow-up

Discussion centered on the relationship of the Scorecard to the potential Diversity Plan and accountability issues. A Fall 2008 student panel was mentioned as a way for students from historically marginalized groups to provide their input and perceptions regarding climate in the COEHS. There is also a need for a future college-wide meeting or email discussion about what we as a college would like to see happen in terms of equity and diversity.

Next meeting: May 15, 2008

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