**Multicultural Advisory Committee**

**GUC Events Conference Room**

**February 3, 2010**

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. Members present were Mr. Ralph Akalonu, Dr. Jana Beaver, Dr. Alyce Brown, Dr. Ernestine Davis, Dr. Mark Foster, Dr. Ian Loeppky, Ms. Toysan Reed, and Mr. Antonio Williams. Dr. Lelon Davidson and Ms. Joan Williams from ODIE were also in attendance.

The minutes from January’s meeting were approved after one change.

First, we decided on a new meeting time and location for the remainder of the semester. We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Those dates will be March 3, April 7, and May 5. We like this new location of the GUC Events Conference Room, so will try to reserve it for those dates and times.

Ms. Reed read a January 27th e-mail from Dr. Terry Richardson reminding Shared Governance Committees to review committee structure and charge. Proposed changes should be submitted to Dr. Richardson by the end of February. After review of our charge and discussion, Dr. Foster made a motion to add a fourth item under the Charge section (B) of the Shared Governance document for the Multicultural Advisory Committee to read "To work closely with the Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity regarding diversity issues". Dr. Davis seconded and all were in favor. We also discussed Area C and wondered whether we should be reporting to an office in addition to, or instead of, the VPAA office. Ms. Reed will ask Dr. Richardson about this item.

Dr. Davidson distributed copies of the full report from the 2008 Campus Climate Survey. Ms. Reed handed out copies of the e-mail and summary document from the full report that Dr. Andrew Luna sent to the entire faculty and staff on January 14, 2010. We agreed to read through the diversity components of this report on our own for discussion at next month’s meeting.

Ms. Reed and Dr. Loeppky reviewed our conversation from January’s meeting on the status of disability support services on campus. Dr. Loeppky’s motion from that meeting, “To recommend creation of a new task committee designated solely for the purpose of handling disability issues on campus”, was voted on and passed 8-0. Ms. Reed will take this recommendation to Dr. Richardson and determine what formal steps we need to take.

Dr. Foster passed around a sheet about opportunities and challenges related to disability and minority grants. This follows a discussion we had at November’s meeting about the TRIO grant. He consulted with Dr. Tanja Blackstone, a grant writing expert on campus, to provide us with this information. Dr. Foster and the committee discussed the difficulty of researching and writing big grants when there is not a designated full-time grant writer on campus. We were unsure of our charge related to grants and assume our purpose is to provide resources to specific offices that could write the grants. This topic will continue at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.