

FLITE Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Present: Randall Schroeder, Lyle Mourer, Mari Kermit-Canfield, Emily Mitchell, Michael Wade, Fran Rosen, Tara Benzing, Matt Chaney

- I. Introductions between Library, OMSS, and International Center attendees
- II. Randall mentioned that he had forwarded the Diversity Committee's new charge to Interim Dean Leah Monger, but she has not yet had a chance to look it over.
- III. Michael highlighted some of OMSS's upcoming events:
 - a. Shadows of the Lynching Tree will be shown March 17 in the IRC, and there will be a discussion with Carvin Eison (its producer) after the showing.
 - b. Nancy Hulse is giving a spoken word presentation about domestic violence awareness on March 18.
 - c. Many more events coming up in the next week or two.
- IV. Tara said that the International Center is interested in working more closely with the library to promote events.
 - a. A place to hang posters would be nice
 - b. They're also interested in getting library research guides and displays to tie in with their events.
- V. Using FLITE as a venue
 - a. Randall offered the International Center and OMSS FLITE's reading room as a potential location (or alternative location) for events.
 - b. Everyone seemed to agree that having more events in FLITE—whether in the reading room, the Serpentine Room, or elsewhere—would be a good thing.
 - c. Randall is to be the contact person if OMSS or the International Center wants to use a space in FLITE for an event.
 - i. Fran suggested that depending on how this works out after trying it for a year, we might need to create other protocols for how to deal with requests to host events in FLITE.
- VI. Mari volunteered her services for creating resource guides related to diversity-themed events.
- VII. Tara asked about putting relevant library books in display cases themed around upcoming events.
 - a. Mari suggested using the top of the shelves next to the new books, so that patrons would easily be able to check out the books being displayed.
 - b. Mari volunteered to be the library contact person for the creation of such displays.
- VIII. Randall said that if International Center or OMSS had other ideas for tying in more closely with the library, they should bring the ideas to him.
 - a. He will then bring such ideas to the Diversity Committee.
- IX. The Laramie Project

- a. Randall mentioned that one of Indiana University's libraries had been involved with staging a reading of The Laramie Project (play about Matthew Shepard), and suggested that was something FLITE might be interested in doing.
 - b. Fran said that based on a discussion with the Interim Dean, she has already approached AFE and DSAGA advisors about staging a reading of The Laramie Project.
 - c. Rights and costs
 - i. Randall said the costs of performing this play are kept low by its being underwritten by the Matthew Shepard Foundation.
 - 1. (After the meeting, he sent this link: <http://www.dramatists.com/cgi-bin/db/single.asp?index=0&key=2955>)
 - ii. Michael said OMSS might be interested in covering the costs for this event.
 - d. Michael mentioned that Mrs. Shepard (Matthew's mother) may be speaking on campus in the fall; this would tie in well with that.
 - e. Performers
 - i. Mari suggested that getting Stage M involved with putting on The Laramie Project might be a good idea.
 - 1. Randall said he would be the one to talk to Stage M when the time comes.
 - ii. Tara suggested that we get Ferris's student theatre members involved.
- X. Safe Place
 - a. Randall mentioned that Ferris has finally started having Safe Place training again.
 - b. Mari is attending it on March 17.
 - c. Michael said that there should be more communication about Safe Places so that students understand what the program is about.
- XI. Life for OMSS and the International Center in FLITE
 - a. Tara said that being located in FLITE has helped Study Abroad.
 - i. Her numbers have jumped by 70 students this year.
 - b. OMSS has seen increased student traffic from being in FLITE, too.
- XII. Promoting OMSS and the International Center in FLITE
 - a. Michael asked if there is anywhere in FLITE for OMSS to put brochures or other information.
 - b. Lyle said that FLITE policy currently prohibits flyers and posters inside the building.
 - c. Lyle suggested that we could revise this policy.
 - d. Randall mentioned that we do allow groups to set up tables in the building lobby, provided they don't solicit money.
 - e. Tara asked if there could be a permanent easel for publicizing International Center/OMSS events.
 - i. Fran expressed concern that such a permanent display would lead to confusion over who is allowed to advertise inside FLITE.
 - ii. Lyle suggested that FLAC should probably look into this.

- f. Lyle and Michael agreed that there should be some sort of form for requesting use of FLITE's lobby.
 - i. After the meeting, Lyle located such a form on FLITE's website.