

FLITE Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Present: Randall Schroeder, Lyle Mourer, Mari Kermit-Canfield, Emily Mitchell, Fran Rosen

- I. Reading Room as an Event Space Update
 - a. Randall reported that FLITE's reading room will be tested out as an event space sometime in early May, with an eye to holding the Michigan Notable Books event (and hopefully future diversity events) in that space.
- II. Inclusion Council Update
 - a. Fran reported that the Inclusion Council has not met since our last Diversity Committee meeting.
- III. OMSS-related Updates
 - a. Randall reported that he has been talking to Michael Wade of OMSS about getting information literacy included in OMSS's TOWERS (Teacher Others What Establishes Real Success) program.
 - i. Once things calm down from the 125th in OMSS, Kristy Motz and Randall will meet with Michael about making this happen.
 - b. Randall also talked to Michael Wade about applying for mini-grants to get some sort of diversity push included in FLITE Training School.
 - i. Michael said that OMSS has some money for events like that even if we can't get any mini-grants.
- IV. Resource Guides
 - a. Mari reported that no one has responded to her queries about whether they would be interested in diversity-themed resource guides.
 - b. Mari said she will work more on those guides once the book-buying rush is over.
- V. Globalization Directory
 - a. Emily reported that all functionality of the Globalization Initiative's Globalization Directory has been completed.
 - i. However, no one has contacted her about style or format for the Directory.
 - ii. The Globalization Initiative has sent out requests for Ferris community members to fill out a survey of information that would go into the Directory, though, so presumably something will happen with their site's look and feel soon.
- VI. The future of the committee
 - a. Randall asked Emily to check on the due date for the next Diversity Committee Report.
 - i. The due date listed in the committee's charge (which isn't yet approved) is July 15.
 - b. Lyle mentioned that he, Randall, and Melinda will be rotating off of the Diversity Committee after our May meeting.

- i. Committee members are to ask around and see if other FLITE faculty/staff are interested in joining.
 - c. Randall reported that the Interim Dean has not yet approved the FLITE Diversity Committee's new charge.
 - i. Randall said he will ask Leah about that.
- VII. The Academic Affairs Diversity Committee
 - a. Mari reported that the Academic Affairs Diversity Committee (AADC) has been meeting about twice a month, trying to figure out the group's goals.
 - i. Right now it looks like the AADC will focus on retaining minority students, and trying to bring back minority students who have left without finishing their programs.
 - ii. There might also be an attempt to collect diversity-related classroom activities in a central repository.
 - 1. The FLITE Diversity Committee agreed that if this takes place, we should make sure the library is involved.
 - a. This might be a good initiative to promote diversity-related resource guides.
- VIII. Supporting the Globalization Initiative with collection development
 - a. Fran mentioned that FLITE's planning document for the upcoming year said something about supporting the Globalization Initiative by developing related parts of FLITE's collection.
 - b. Currently there is no plan to do anything different to accomplish this, but generally our collection does pretty well at supporting global perspectives and diversity topics anyway.
- IX. Working with international students
 - a. Fran said that she is involved in planning an event for international students.
 - i. They are to learn more about hockey and attend a Ferris hockey game.