

Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2011 12:00 pm

Present: Kim Bobby, Lynnette Claire, Lisa Ferrari, Pepa Lago-Grana, Mark Martin, Czarina Ramsay, Michel Rocchi, Amy Ryken.

Guest: Steven Neshyba

1. Announcements
  - a. A panel discussion, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00, Library 020 titled: Art and Diversity: Looking Critically at Art on Campus.
  - b. The 6<sup>th</sup>. Annual colloquium Spanish Matters will be held on April 7 & 8 on campus in multiple locations. Posters are forthcoming.
2. One Voice.

Kim read a narrative on diversity (focused on disability). Pepa suggested adding language as a category to the question posed to students for the valuing difference narratives. The committee discussed students' perceptions of physical disability and national origin. An idea was raised as to whether or not a future topic for the committee would be expanding the project to collect more narratives, starting with members of the committee.
3. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes from the January 26, 2011 meeting were approved as circulated.
4. Student Cohorts Initiative.

Steven continued his explanation of the student cohorts' initiative and its possible implementation at Puget Sound. Committee members discussed several cohort models on campus, such as the Honors Program, Humanities House, Language House Program, Freshmen Language & Culture House, Business Leadership Program, and Residential Seminars. Also discussed were the key civic engagement component, the definition of stakeholders for this initiative, and the sensitivity to the "Charity Poster Person" that results in similar programs. A final question was raised as to whether this committee will continue to provide a sounding board for the Student Cohort Initiative given other topics to be considered for the rest of the semester, or another campus group would take up the matter. This question will be taken up at the next meeting.
5. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Michel Rocchi

