

FMAC – Minutes – April 28, 2017

Present: George Cheney, Anthony Cordova, Carlos Duarte, Melanie Ann Fields, Christina Martinez, Jeff Montez de Oca, Jesse Perez, Deborah Pina-Thomas, Kimbra Smith, Stephen Suh, Patty Witkowski

Guest, Peg Bacon

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of 2/24/17 – Approved with one correction (“Kee will return to the Sociology Dept **and SPA** full time Fall 2017”)
2. Congratulations to Jesse Perez for being named advisor of the year.
3. Peg Bacon – newly appointed Faculty Relations Manager
Peg talked briefly about her new position which is a 9 month pilot from April – December 2017. She will be on campus one day a week on Thursdays. She shared her job description, and it will be posted to the website as well. She will be dealing with faculty issues only, mostly in an informal way. She foresees that she will be dealing mostly with communication related issues. Her aim is to facilitate conversations and to assist faculty in getting to the correct person or office for assistance.

As part of this discussion, Jeff suggested we need a legitimate scientific survey done on campus about the campus climate. While that will not be part of what she does, it is possible that that would be a recommendation that she would make in the future.

4. Budget - \$200 is still pending for A. Kosloski for a previously approved grant. We have \$4673 left in the budget. The esteemed co-chairs of FMAC neglected to put the call out for spring grants so we have more money than usual.
5. Proposed project from the Diversity in Practice sub-committee. This group has been meeting and discussing ideas about how to engage with students around issues of diversity and inclusion. They worked with students in an Anthropology senior seminar class, and they have come up with some activities specifically aimed at GPS classes. However, they need more time to work on this project. The sub-committee would like to offer the students a summer internship so that they can keep working on the project with the goal to have a product to pilot with some GPS classes in the fall.

The sub-committee proposed that FMAC fund \$4600 or the total of the remaining funds in the budget to support this project. The whole committee approved this.

The Diversity in Practice sub-committee was asked to write up a summary of the project.

6. Chancellor search – The final candidate for Chancellor will be on campus on May 1-2.
7. Diversity strategic plan – Kimbra could only find the 2007 Diversity Strategic Plan online. The question was raised as to whether we should have a newer one or whether a newer one exists that is not readily accessible online. We need to follow up with Kee’s office on this. This could be a possible project for next year.
8. Free speech zones – Kimbra brought up this issue from Stephany Rose. Colorado legislature passed a law about free speech on campuses. See <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb17-062> for complete information on the law. Stephany would like some guidance from campus administration about this and how it affects classrooms. After discussion, it was suggested we set up a meeting with Jennifer George, campus legal counsel. Kimbra will set up a meeting for after the semester ends and will survey FMAC members to see who can meet.

Further discussion about having a workshop in the fall about this issue.

9. Elections – Kimbra Smith was elected chair and Carlos Duarte was elected co-chair for 2017-18
10. End of year celebration – Jeff will organize – update – potluck set for May 11 at noon on 5th floor balcony of AOB. Bring food and drink.