

Faculty Minority Affairs Committee
September 7, 2012

Members present: Chris Bell, Marguerite Cantú, Anthony Cordova, Edgar Cota Torres, Janice Gould, Christina Jiménez, Inhan Kim, Christina Martínez, Sylvia Martínez, Eddie Portillos, Amy Silva-Smith, Stephany Spaulding, María Sergia Steen

1. Welcome and report from the chair, Edgar Cota Torres

-A few active members have conflicts with our meeting time so they will not be attending this semester: Jeff Montez de Oca, Eddie Portillos. Meeting location will be the same throughout the year: Columbine 3022.

-Hilary Smith is about to finish up with the newcomer interviews from last year.

-*American Teacher*, a film, will be shown on campus on September 20 5-8pm, UC 303.

-Need a committee to plan the new faculty reception. It will be co-sponsored with the Faculty Resource Center. Discussed possible dates of Oct 5 and 12. C. Martinez will check availability of library apse for those dates. Decided to go with Sodexo for food. Committee: Anthony Cordova, Amy Silva-Smith, Stephanie Spaulding, Maria Sergia Steen, Christina Martinez. Edgar will follow up to check on budget for reception.

-Uncertain about status of web site

2. EMAC – Eddie Portillos

System level committee. Eddie is co-chair for fall. Meets the second Friday of the month in Denver. UCCS does need another representative on the committee in case any FMAC members are interested. Will be looking at salary equity issues – ongoing from last year.

3. Class project – Eddie Portillos

Chicano Community class is looking at a project called Café Cultura. They will be going to Denver on 9/14 to attend one at a community center in Denver with the idea of organizing something similar here. Also attending a Su Teatro performance on October 5.

4. MOSAIC office report – Anthony Cordova

Last event was the graduation celebration last May which went very well. Has been working with club leaders along with other faculty and staff to develop best practices for clubs to follow for greater effectiveness. He feels this has had an impact on the clubs. Several met over the summer and had activities. Latino Student Union, Black Student Union and Asian Pacific Islander Student Union have been working together. Native American student group is reviving.

He was able to create a full-time position in the office and Vanessa Delgado has been hired to be the LGBT resource person along with other office responsibilities. She will start September 10, coming from Northern Arizona University.

5. Travel Grant proposals

Reports from grants given last year:

E. Portillos- students from Latino Student Union were not able to go to the conference as proposed. Instead they went on an outing to Pueblo Lake.

M. Cantú – Money contributed to Native American event honoring graduates. Event went well although she was unable to be there.

J. Gould – used her travel money and went to Switzerland and Spain

M. Steen – used hers for travel to conference in Panama

Two new travel grants were considered and approved, each for \$250: E. Cota Torres and Zena Mello

6. General education committee report- Christina Jiménez

Now into the second phase which is the design of the curricular structure. Reviewed what is currently proposed. The committee would like feedback and input from all faculty. They are presenting at many departments. Detailed information can be found on the provost's website <http://www.uccs.edu/provost/general-education.html>

There will be a faculty ballot on the issue later this academic year. The suggestion was made that FMAC could consider sending in formal support of the proposal to Faculty Assembly. The committee needs to review the materials and we can discuss at October meeting.