

The Committee for Equity and Inclusion Meeting Minutes April 21, 2009

Attendees: Kira Allen, Kathyne Henderson, Ellen Mitchell, Rye Huber, Elaine LeMay, Craig Elliott, Peter Miskin, Mary Grefal, Ché Abram, Beth Ching, Tracy Morales, Peter Barbosa

April 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes Approved

- Edits made to note that Inclusion Explosion acknowledgements were given at April, 2009 meeting.

Inclusion Explosion

- Issues arose about the relevance of the event from some people around campus and it was addressed/handled by Kira Allen
- Ball park of about 250 people attended the event
- UPAC gave the committee a round of applause at their April 20, 2009 meeting.

Calendar Fall/Spring

- Next Inclusion Explosion set for March 31, 2010
- Group would like to take pictures of the boards presented at the Inclusion Explosion to advertise for next year's program participation.
- Fall 2009 Faculty In-Service (similar to Diane Hansen's)
 1. Mandatory event for faculty
 2. Craig will speak with Penny Bamford about it
 3. Will highlight how faculty can get involved with the group/strategic plan; how faculty can help us move more towards a University model and incorporate the plan into curriculum
 4. Are we able to hire a panel of presenter's?

Website

- Webpage set-up https://www.samuelmerritt.edu/equity_inclusion_committee
- Agendas, charter, membership will be posted there
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Meetings

- Are scheduled through May 2009
- Craig will send out a Doodle survey for a new day proposal from Craig Elliott

Western Association of Colleges and University Housing Conference

- Attended by Kathyne Henderson
- SMU on campus housing is ending as of 5-31-09
- Topics: Cultivating a campus community with students living off campus; Equity and Inclusion
- New trend in family housing
- Guest Speaker: speech on "What does the right of passage mean to you? What did you go through to get you here and move forward?"
- We are in our positions to provide the wisdom
- LGBT members are on campus committees to enact change on campus
- People of color are in significant roles

Other

- Committee for Equity and Inclusion to be present at orientations
- SBA will be present at all orientations
- SBA starting a coffee clutch (sp?) where students can stop by and get the latest "buzz" of what is going on across campuses

Next Meeting

- May 19, 2009

