

UAA Diversity Action Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 8, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Student Union, Lyla Richards, Room 103

The meeting was called to order.

DAC Members in Attendance:

Bruce Schultz, Courtney Brooke-Smith, Willy Templeton, Kaela Parks, Tina Hudspeth, Doni Williams, Jeane Breinig, Robert Boeckmann, Rhonda Easley, Christina Gaina, Shannon Gramse, Kimberly Pace, Patricia Fagan, Marva Watson, Ron Kamahela & JeNae Christensen

DAC Members not in Attendance:

Carey Brown and Guo Feng Fricke

Guest's in Attendance:

Aisha Hanking, Dr. Diane Hirshberg and Dr. George Charles

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order.

2. Review/Approval: September 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Kimberly Pace
by Doni Williams

September 2010 meeting minutes approved.

3. Dr. Diane Hirshberg, Associate Professor of Education Policy

- a. ----Honors A292, Research Project Proposal
- b. Topic area of Research project is focused on race, ethnicity and identity. Wants the research the students to conduct research that's be meaning and useful to the University. Dr. Hirshberg is requesting input from the DAC regarding the research project and what would be beneficial to the DAC. Questions 1 and 7 were recommended as there is not much research currently available on those topics.

4. DAC Budget

DAC Budget as of 10/8/10

DAC 2010-2011 Funds

\$20,000.00

DAC Welcome Reception	\$1,700.00
Accommodations for AY10/11	\$1,575.00
Available DAC Funds	<hr/> \$16,725.00

Funding Requests for DAC Review (10/8/10)

- International Food Festival
 - Families of the World Korea
 - Safe Zone Train Trainer
 - Filipino American Heritage Month
 - Alaska Native / Native American Month
 - Alaska Native Subsistence Summit
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Budget Discussion:

Suggestion was put forward to agree to utilize half of the available DAC funds, \$8362.50 during fall 10 semester, and reserve the remainder of funds for spring 11 semester. Spring semester Events that have traditionally been funded in spring are – Civil Rights Month, Women’s History Month, AkNos in Kenai and Reel Eyes.

5. Review: Funding Requests

a. Families of the World Korea

OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the event is to invite families with children to learn about the lives of children in South Korea through meeting students from South Korea, viewing a film about the lives of an urban and rural child in South Korea, sampling snacks from the region and playing a traditional game. The event will be hosted and facilitated by a South Korean UAA Student.

Move to Discussion by Kimberly Pace
made by Christina Gaina

Call the question by Robert Boeckmann

Vote:

Yes	9
No	0
Abstain	1

Motion is carried for approved funding in the amount of \$275.00

b. International Food Festival

OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the event is to highlight the various cultures of UAA’s international students, particularly customary foods. Students will prepare foods for attendees to sample and displays about their countries.

Move to Discussion by Willy Templeton
made by Kimberly Pace

Call the question by Christina Gaina

Vote:

Yes	9
No	0
Abstain	1

Motion is carried for approved funding in the amount of \$350.00

c. Filipino Heritage Month

OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the event is to recognize and celebrate Filipino American Heritage Month by holding events on the University of Alaska Anchorage Campus. These events will be an opportunity to provide some education that is not part of any course offered currently by the University. Mayor Dan Sullivan proclaimed October 2010 as the Filipino American History Month, Governor Sean Parnell made a similar proclamation, and the Alaska State Legislature passed a resolution on the same topic during the last legislative session. On September 29, 2010 the US Senate passed Senate Resolution 669 recognizing Filipino American History Month in October 2010. The Filipino American National Historical Society began this celebration in 1988. According the U.S. Census, Filipino’s are the second largest Asian group in the United States and there are more than 12,000 Filipino’s living in Alaska.

Move to Discussion by Willy Templeton
made by Donnie Williams

Call the question by Kimberly Pace

Vote:

Yes	11
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No 0
Abstain 0

Motion is carried for approved funding in the amount of \$1,815.00

d. Safe Zone Train the Trainer

OVERVIEW:

The purpose of our trip to Western Oregon University's (WOU) Safe Zone Train the Trainer program is to help bring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Ally (LGBTQA) resources to the University of Alaska and the greater Anchorage community. This 8 hour training will equip us to be trainers for all of the Safe Zone modules, including the ability to train others to host all Safe Zone modules. By attending the training we will be contributing to UAA, the Division of Student Affairs, the Division of Academic and Multicultural Student Services and the Division of Student Development.

Move to Discussion by Christina Gaina
made by Kimberly Pace

Discussion:

Traditionally the DAC has not funded professional development. Other institutional resources need to be approached. DAC supports the concept and recognition for more education regarding LGBTQ. Suggested that the requesting party submit another proposal be submitted when the train the trainer portion is completed and they are ready to facilitate trainings on the campus.

Call the question by Kaela Parks

Vote:

Yes 0
No 11
Abstain 0

Motion is not carried to approve funding.

e. Alaska Native/Native American Heritage Month

OVERVIEW:

During past years, The University of Alaska (UAA) has collaborated with the Anchorage-area Alaska Native Heritage month committee. UAA has sponsored a number of events, included on the Anchorage community calendar. In August 2010, the UAA Alaska Native/Native American Heritage Month Planning Committee (ANNAPC) was established to plan this year's heritage month events. Staff, Faculty, and Student members of this committee include representatives from Office of Diversity and Compliance (ODC), Student Affairs (Native Students Services, Alaska Native Rural Outreach Program, AHAINA, Student Life and Leadership, and Residence Life), College Arts & Science (Alaska Native Studies, Department of Languages and Anthropology), School of Nursing, Administrative Services (Human

Resource Services and UAA Campus Bookstore), Native Student Council and Mat-Su College. The ANNAPC has planned a series of programs, events, and activities during November, which will highlight and celebrate Alaska Native and Native American cultures. Below is the proposed Sequences of Planned Programs/Activities as of this date (Several event remain work in progress).

- Nov. 1:** UAA's Kick Off Reception; North/South Cafeteria 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1-20:** Circulating book display at UAA/APU Consortium Library
- Nov. 2:** "Living Between the Hyphen" Movie, ARTS Bldg, evening
- Nov. 3-5:** Canada Week: CA&S Anthropology Department featured events.
- Nov. 3,** Speaker; Laurie Merijer Drees
- Nov. 4,** Panel discussion topic: "Growing the Next Generation." Laurie Merijer Drees, Maria Campbell (Elder) and Eldon Yellow Horn.
- Nov. 5,** Evening event featuring Eldon Yellow Horn
- Nov. 8:** Faculty Brown Bag Presentations - Robert Crosman presents "Shakespeare in the Bush,"
- Nov. 8, 16 & 22:** Fry Bread Night, Cama-i room
- Nov. 9:** *A Native Lad*, Graphic Illustrator workshop and discussion, featuring Sarah Hurst, Dimi Macheras, Lee Post, Shanley McCauley, Peter Dunlap-Shohl and Sean Jones UAA Campus Bookstore
- Nov. 10:** Dr. Nancy Furlow presents Tlingit War and History in Angoon, UAA Campus Bookstore
- Nov. 11:** Alaska Native Veteran's Panel, North or South Cafeteria
- Nov. 13:** Purely Alaskan featured at Alaska Center for the Book
- Nov. 15:** Faculty Brown Bag Presentation - Susan Modlin presents "Improving Critical Thinking by Integrating Alaska Native Literature into Nursing Courses,"
- Nov. 16:** Sarah Hurst presents "The Tatitlek Production of "A Native Lad", UAA Campus Bookstore
- Nov. 16:** Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) at 40 panel discussion, Loussac Library
- Nov. 17:** Faculty Brown Bag Presentation - Herminia Din presents "Seal, Thimble, and Sinew Thread: Sewing Art of Siberian Yupik from Savoonga Alaska"
- Nov. 18:** Dr. Diane Hanson presentation "Before Russian Contact, Uncovering the Past of Adak Island", UAA Campus Bookstore
- Nov. 18** "Traditional Values for Health" hosted by RRANN, PSB Lobby
- Nov. 19:** ANSEP/NSS Project
- Nov. 19:** Rachel Mason, presents "Return to Lost Villages of the Aleutians," UAA Campus Bookstore

Move to Discussion by Doni Williams
made by Kaela Parks

Discussion:
Dr. George Charles visited the DAC meeting to provide an overview of the Alaska Native Veterans Panel Discussion that is included as part of the funding proposal.

Call the question by Christina Gaina

Vote:
Yes 10
No 0
Abstain 1

Motion is carried for approved funding in the amount of \$4000.00

f. Alaska Native Subsistence Summit

OVERVIEW:

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, and a coalition of tribes called the Alaska Leadership Summit are seeking administrative and legislative remedies to the issue of subsistence use and access this year with the Obama administration and Congress. There are substantive differences between these groups as to what is being proposed and each group is presently acting independently. This project will explore traditional ways of achieving broader consensus in a mock statewide Alaska Native Subsistence Summit through leadership development.

Move to Table until next month meeting by Doni Williams
made by Kimberly Pace

Discussion:

Proposal Event is not until February 2011, discussion and voting tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

Call the question by Kaela Parks

Vote:

Yes	11
No	0
Abstain	0

Motion is carried to discuss funding request at November DAC meeting.

6. Institutional Funding

Due to time constraints this agenda item was not discussed.

7. Campus Climate Assessment: Next Steps

Ayesha Hanking is working with Dr. Robert Boeckmann is designing the initial survey to UAA students. They are using the common questions of a national survey and the survey should launch by next month.

8. DAC/FSDC Joint Meeting with Chancellor Ulmer

DAC members were asked to hold November for the joint meeting due to a potential scheduling conflict with the Chancellor.

9. Informational Items

Next Meeting: Friday, November 12, 2010