

## **FMAC Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Attendance:** Anthony Cordova, Zena Mello, Vanessa Delgado, Amy Silva-Smith, Maria Sergia Steen, Eddie Portillos, Edgar Cota Torres, Marguerite Cantu, Janice Gould.

### **Administrative Assistant Update:**

Currently FMAC does not have an administrative assistant. Edgar contacted Sheryl and she said we need to find our own staff volunteer. Student hire is an alternative because it is unlikely we will find a volunteer. Edgar will look into hiring a student to take notes and possibly manage the budget. Ian Smith will continue to manage our budget until we find a replacement.

### **Newcomer Survey:**

Edgar received an email update from Hilary Smith. She has a draft of a report ready but has a few questions, which Edgar will answer. Edgar circulated a list of new faculty members but we decided to hold off on selecting interviews until Hilary's report is ready. The new report may show similar findings as the report completed by Christina Jimenez four years ago. If we have similar findings then there may be no need to continue the study.

### **New Faculty Reception:**

Maria has contacted the new 2012-2013 faculty and seven of them have committed to attending the reception. FMAC members have committed 7-8 bottles of wines and 2 packs of beer. Food was ordered through Sodexo. A multi-ethnic meal was selected and is within the \$450 food budget. Alcohol permit should be approved. Ross has committed to playing the guitar for an hour and Ian was also invited.

### **Budget Report:**

Edgar has sent an email and requested that those who have been funded by FMAC submit their receipts for payments. Those with outstanding amounts include: Leslie Grant-\$200; Eddie Portillos--\$250. Otherwise, the budget is looking good.

### **David Anderson (Faculty Resource Center):**

The Teaching and Learning Center is now the Faculty Resource Center. The name was changed because they were getting too many students asking for assistance. Although they don't mind helping students, they want to focus primarily on faculty. David wants to increase online teaching support for faculty. He handed out a draft of the spring brochure. Programs and activities will continue. The Center is planning to hire two new positions to help with expansion. There is a Quality Matters Program which promotes quality teaching in online classes to ensure they are the best they can be. Currently two classes are under review and next semester there will be another two. Some of the training programs offered are done on-line through Adobe

Connect or in the Faculty Resource Center. The Center is also reinstating the Innovation and Teaching award and will be a part of the campus awards.

### **EMAC Update:**

Eddie reported EMAC is producing a video of the Linguistic Event that was held last year. Joseph Phillip will splice together video from the events on different campuses and add interviews from the speakers. EMAC is hoping the video will be completed by April. EMAC is planning a speaking event on student retention in changing economic times for students of color. The group continues to work on the Equity in Pay issue and is planning to develop a website.

### **Anthony and Vanessa Delgado Report:**

Anthony introduced Vanessa Delgado, she is the program director in MOSIAC. Vanessa is already engaged with students having met with several students groups. She invited FMAC to all events. Safe Zone training is on Oct 8<sup>th</sup> and is geared toward faculty, staff and students. Anthony reported all the ethnic/racial students are engaged and have planned many activities for the academic year.

### **Award Reports:**

**Zena Mello:** She traveled to Portugal and presented her research at an academic conference where out of 200 participants only 10 were Americans. Presented her theoretical and conceptual framework to big names in her field and it was well received. She was also invited to publish a chapter.

**Edgar Cota:** Traveled to Columbia where he made two presentations. He was invited to publish in one of the institutions where he presented and was also selected to present at Paris this summer. In Collaboration with the University where he published, they are trying to develop a study abroad/exchange Program with UCCS.

**Aditi:** She teaches when FMAC meetings are held but she is planning to submit a report and Edgar will read it at the next meeting.

**Katherine Mack Proposal:** A proposal was submitted last year but unfortunately the presenter broke her leg. The speaker event is again being planned for Feb 2013 and Katherine is asking for us to fund the event. Members all voted to fund the event.

**El Circulo:** The club is planning six events this year. Myriam Lazaro explained that the club has secured funding for five of the six events. However, funding is still needed for El Dia de los Muertos event. Asked FMAC to fund the event for \$150, members voted to fund the event.