

## Commission on Human Diversity

### *Meeting Minutes*

December 12, 2019 11:00 AM, MSU 323

**Committee Chair:** Mark Wolfmeyer

**Committee Members Present:** Paige Brookins, Hanna Hotalen, Stephen Stoeffler, Jerry Schearer, Bruce Gottschall, Jason Garcia

**Volunteer Committee Members Present:** Dan Metzger

- 1) **Call to Order:** 11:08 am
- 2) **Approval of Minutes - November 14, 2019 meeting:** Motion to approve: Bruce Gottschall; Seconded: Paige Brookins; Motion Passed
- 3) **Conference call for papers and programming related issues –**
  - a) Current presentation submissions and leads: Mark shared that a number of submissions for individual and panel presentations have been received for the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> conference. These, in addition to leads for individuals and groups who have not yet submitted, will fill the presentation schedule with a diverse array of topics represented. The committee agreed to close the Engage call, but to still encourage those who have expressed interest in submitting to email presenter names and abstract to Mark by January 1, 2020. Mark will send all abstracts to program subcommittee for review. No poster presentations have been received.
  - b) Keynote and Artist Presentation: Keynote will speak in the morning (9am) and be asked to present in the first breakout session (10am-11am). The photographer will conclude the conference with a presentation scheduled for 2:00 pm.
  - c) Conference schedule: Begins at 9am; concludes at 3pm. Registration with light breakfast refreshments; 9-10 – keynote; 10-11 – first breakout session (4 presentations); 11-12 – second breakout session (4 presentations); 12-1 lunch and possible featured panel; 1-2 third breakout session (4 presentations); 2-3 photographer presentation.
  - d) Film screening? – Mark showed trailer for documentary film *Los Madres de Berks* to see if the committee had thoughts on pursuing a screening and talkback with the filmmaker in conjunction with the conference. The committee agreed this is an event best cosponsored with a student organization at another time of the year.

#### 4) Conference call for papers and programming related issues –

- a) Jason: Current account balance is 1799.01
- b) 2019 budget: Keynote: 1250; lunch: 1680; publicizing & printing: 450; gifts: 250
- c) 2020 needs: estimated as above, including coffee, tea, and water in a.m.; keynote is no cost to the committee, however the committee would like to have funds available to offer lodging at the Kutztown Hampton Inn; the photographer comes at no cost to the committee; Jerry may have a lead on covering some lunch costs
- d) Based upon previous years, CHD plans to request funds to support conference costs from KU offices and organizations: MSU Advisory Board: 250; ACE: 750; Residence Life: 500; Multicultural Center: 1000. Jason will make these requests. The remainder will come from the CHD budget.
- e) Jerry raised the idea to consider, in future years, charging attendees for lunch or asking an attendance fee from those outside KU in order to lessen the need to ask other university organizations for funding.

#### 5) Logistics issues

- a) What rooms are reserved? – all rooms are reserved
  - i) Jerry raised the option that a 5<sup>th</sup> MSU room may be available to accommodate more presentations during breakout sessions.

#### 6) Budget request

- a) Steve presented to the committee a request for \$250 monetary gift in sponsoring the Social Work Department's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Updates Colloquium. The event is held at Kutztown University on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It raises awareness on suicide prevention and mental health, specifically in older adults. An estimated 300 attendees include ~250 local professionals and ~50 KU faculty and graduate students. The monetary support will go toward food and beverage costs, speakers' fees and mileage, or program printing costs. The estimated budget for the event is \$2750.
- b) The committee requested the following conditions if the request is met:
  - i) to make explicit the event's connection to human diversity and the reason for CHD support – awareness and support for mental health in older adults
  - ii) to promote the CHD conference during AM & PM announcements

- iii) to be listed on the event program
  - c) Motion to approve a monetary gift in the amount of \$250 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Updates Colloquium made by Paige Brookins; Seconded: Jerry Schearer; Motion passed; one abstention: Stephen Stoeffler
- 7) Reports from Representatives and Liaisons (as needed)
- a) Commission on Status of Women
  - b) Commission on Status of Minorities
  - c) Disability Services Office
  - d) Women's Center
  - e) Multicultural Center
  - f) Office of International Admissions
  - g) Student Affairs/Dean of Students
- 8) **Next Meeting:** Mark will be in touch with spring meeting dates, likely scheduled for Thursdays at 11am.
- 9) **Adjournment: 12:01 pm**