Committee for a Multicultural University

Minutes of: November 27, 2006
Approved on: February 2, 2007

Members Present: R.M. Ortega (Chair), B. Seabury, B. Brush, J. McNally, A. Ismail, W. Lu, N. Stallings (student representative), D. Baar (recorder)
Members Absent: C. Montori, E. Li, L. Monts, J. Matlock

Chair Ortega convened the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

(1) Chair Ortega handed out committee agenda
(2) Committee discussed possibility of drafted letter to Senate Assembly regarding Prop. 2, the repercussions of not passing, and the criticism being received by President Coleman.
   a. Committee members debated the separation of affirmative action and diversity, as well as, where the faculty stood on the issue.
   b. Should the Committee for a Multicultural University serve as a conduit to faculty and should CMU be just about race or diversity as well.
   c. Chair Ortega commented that while CMU supports diversity within the walls of UM perhaps as a committee we should do more within the community setting and State.
   d. Committee discussed the idea of the CMU as a representative mouthpiece for faculty surrounding these issues.
(3) Committee decided to move forward with drafting a resolution to the Senate Assembly.
   a. Chair Ortega and B. Seabury volunteered to head the drafting of said letter.
   b. The goal of the CMU and UM is to promote a diverse learning environment that enhances the experiences and education of the community, students, faculty and staff.

Meeting Adjourned 3:05 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD