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**Friday, September 27, 2019
11:30 AM-1:00 PM**

Trotter Multicultural Center – Large Meeting Room

Present: Gina Cervetti, Royster Harper, Simone Himbeault Taylor, Chitra Subramanian, Nida Syed, Harish Ganesh, Helen Look, Jeannie Moody-Novak, Judith Beck, Mariah Fiumara, Olga Virakhovskaya, Kyriaki Marti, Amy Chavasse, David Potter, Charlie Koopman, Yaacov Ritov, Mariah Fiumara, David Potter

Absent: Cindy Leung, Katie Van Zanen, Jill Esau, Chitra Subramanian, Jairam Menon, Kyriaki Marti

Guest(s):

- *Julio Cardona, Director of Trotter Multicultural Center*
 - *Steve Mangan, Sr. Director of Michigan Dining*
 - *MaryJo Banasik, Director of Faculty Senate Office*
 - *Joy Beatty, SACUA/Senate Assembly Chair*
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1. Tour of Trotter Multicultural Center

Dr. Julio Cardona, Director led a tour of the Trotter Multicultural Center

2. Lunch/Call to Order

Chair Cervetti called the meeting to order. Dr. Royster Harper welcomed the committee and thanked them for their work and commitment to the committee.

3. Review / Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April were reviewed. Chair Cervetti called for revisions. None were offered. Minutes were approved.

4. Welcome and Purpose of SRAC

Chair Cervetti began the meeting by welcoming the committee and described the work and background of the committee. She explained the role of the members is to bring a broad perspective of student issues and concerns to the committee and to focus on DEI and other initiatives from the students view.

She continued with expressing gratitude to Dr. Harper in the wake of her impending retirement as she is a great advocate of this committee. Chair Cervetti explained that Student Life has addressed several issues and continues to support old and new initiatives including the First Year Experience, on campus sustainability, N. Campus housing and the new arts initiative as all possible future agenda items. Chair Cervetti

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asked the committee to also bring ideas from their prospective areas by reaching out to their departments and colleagues to identify areas of interest or concern. Some additional ideas she suggested include getting students excited about the upcoming election and how to talk about their individual perspectives in respectful ways.

5. Intro to the Year/Updates

The committee introduced themselves. Chair Cervetti asked for additional suggestions of possible agenda items. Guest Joy Beatty, SACUA/Senate Assembly Chair brought up an issue involving an email from a conservative student that is concerned about finding their place on campus. This opened up discussion about the rural student population and concerns around feeling behind their peers as they had not had the opportunities of AP classes. It was brought up that some Master's students feel out of sync on campus. The conversation included other invisible populations of students such as the SMTD and non-traditional students concerned with the high cost of living in Ann Arbor, students that have aged out of the foster care system, and first generation students. It was mentioned that the committee discuss the UM policy of on ICE on campus.

Sr. Associate Vice President Simone Himbeault Taylor suggested that there are units that are doing work or discussing these same concerns and that the committee should reach out to them for information with the possibility of inviting them to future meetings.

6. Update on Maize and Blue Cupboard Food Pantry

Steve Mangan, Sr. Director of Michigan Dining offered data regarding the activity of the new Maize and Blue Cupboard (MBC), the student on-campus food pantry that opened in July 2019. Its goal is not to only minimize the issue of food insecurity on campus, but to offer resources such as cooking classes, meeting space to present on topics of student health and wellness and providing nonfood items such as personal hygiene products and possibly diapers in the future. He thanked the School of Dentistry for their donations. He also shared data of Cindy Leung's research around food insecurity and connection to GPA and health and wellness of students.

The MBC is looking for donations of materials and money. Food is taken care of. They welcome donations of cooking utensils and kitchen supplies and can assist with getting the items to the MBC if units held drives. He reiterated that along with food the MBC is dedicated to providing educational efforts as well as supplies so that students can cook meals for themselves and possibly their roommates.

7. Adjournment

Charlie Koopman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Olga Virakhovskaya seconded. All in favor.

8. Tour of the Food Pantry

Those interested headed over to the MBC for a tour.