

***COE Dean's Council on Diversity
Summary Notes
February 15, 2008***

Jenny Penney Oliver welcomed everyone and shared the agenda (pasted below) with all.

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On our list to talk about today...

- ✓ Welcome, acquaintances and reacquaintances
- ✓ Graduate certificate in cultural diversity Tal Guy
- ✓ Updates from Diversity Action Team reports to the Dean

NEXT STEPS ...

- ✓ *Brief updates on:*
 - ** ... 2008 seminars
 - ** Panel of teachers in April – Todd & Julie idea
 - ** *Rants and Raves in Cross Cultural Communication* – Misha idea -- (OVER) date, committee
 - ** ... Diversity center and “binder” to Cheryl Dozier
 - ** ... Winter 2008 Diversity Dialogue -Courtland Lee 2/21
- ✓ ***Updates of activities in your program area and department; goals; how Council can support your program/department?***
- ✓ Next meeting: **input**: Tuesday, March 18 AM or afternoon
Friday, March 21 morning

Graduate Certificate: Tal Guy updated the Council on the work of an interdisciplinary faculty committee in the COE to create a Graduate Certificate in Multicultural Studies in Education. Over the past several months the committee has worked to identify courses that could form the core of a certificate course and have gathered information from other universities about capstone experiences and other components of certificate programs. A survey (attached) has been developed to get input from graduate students about their interest in this certificate. Tal asked DCOD members to volunteer to give the survey to graduate classes they are teaching. Most members agreed! ***If you would like to volunteer, contact "Talmadge C. Guy" tguy@uga.edu.***

Updates from the Diversity Action Teams: Jenny passed out (attached) the DRAFT recommendation reports from each Action Team. The drafts had been shared with the Dean, Associate Deans and Jenny at a meeting the day before (2.14.08). Clearly the reports are providing helpful information and insights to inform the college's diversity work. Some of the items recommended can be administratively handled; other issues need partnerships with Faculty Senate, Curriculum Committee, etc. Next steps that were

discussed include: the DCOD to work closely with Faculty Senate to pursue and implement some of the recommendations; a presentation to the Administrative Cabinet to inform them of the recommendations from these processes. The immediate next step is to do a content analysis on the data provided by the 5 Action Teams. Melissa Freeman, Corey Johnson and Jenny Penney Oliver agreed to work on this. ***Please let Jenny know if you would like to work on this part of the effort.***

Brief Updates:

- *Seminars:* We are planning 2 additional seminars for the semester.
 - * Panel of classroom teachers to talk about what its like to be a culturally responsive educator. Scheduled for April 9, 5:30 PM. Target audience: pre-service teachers – all invited. Committee: Todd Dinkleman, Julie Kittleson, and Jenny.
 - * “Rants & Raves in Cross-Cultural Communication”: A Panel of International faculty and graduate students to share lessons learned in US educational contexts. Looking at a “nice spring afternoon in April.” Committee: Misha Cahnmann-Taylor, Kyunghwa Lee, and Jenny.
VOLUNTEERS welcome to help plan this event!
- *Diversity Dinner Dialogue* partnership with Clarke Central High School going well. Author Courtland Lee will meet with the group 2/21/08. This session approximately 15 COE faculty/staff participated.
- Jenny and the team working toward the establishment of a *UGA Center for the Study of Equity and Diversity* have met with Associate Provost Cheryl Dozier and provided her with a binder of background materials related to the Center, the proposal, information from visits to peer and aspirant institutions hosting Diversity Centers, and letters of endorsement from across UGA for such a Center. The team will continue to follow up with Dr. Dozier.

Updates on Activities in Departments and Programs: Time did not allow for many updates; however, Misha Cahnmann-Taylor reported on the recent meeting with the Graduate School Council and informed us that effective soon, Academic Professionals will be able to serve on Graduate Committees as voting members. Misha sees this as a step in the right direction and a related issue re: diversity of faculty on our campus.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 18, 9:30 AM G-23 Aderhold
PLEASE HOLD THE DATE!