

## Classified Connection Meeting April 9, 2008

Jessica Cole welcomed everyone and announced that members are needed for the Classified Connection Committee, which meets monthly to plan agendas for these meetings and has among its future goals: holding a conference at Whitewater, mentoring and spotlighting classified administrative staff.

### **Presentations:**

#### **Diversity Action Plan and Equity Scorecard**

Members of the committees who have been working on the Diversity Action Plan and Equity Scorecard (Elizabeth Ogunsola, Eric Barber and Jodi Hare-Paynter) presented the research they have done regarding UW-Whitewater's diversity plan, objectives, recruitment, retention and graduation rates.

#### **Center for Students with Disabilities**

Elizabeth Watson, Director of CSD spoke about the UW-W disabled student population. Students self-identify themselves as having a disability. The disability must then be documented by CSD before an accommodation plan is written. Students may choose to identify themselves only to a faculty member, but it is best that they are always directed to go to CSD so the proper procedures can be followed. Some students with disabilities do not need, or ask for, any assistance from CSD and are not counted in the 5-7% of documented UW-W students to whom the CSD provides services. Many of our student athletes would fall into this category.

A new residence hall is being designed with accessibility meeting very high standards and qualifying as the first of its type to be built in the state and nation. There will be 23 accessible residence rooms with a capacity of housing 46 students in wheelchairs. The lower level of the residence hall will have a hospital standard restroom with shower facilities to accommodate a student with a personal care attendant.

CSD will be moving to the Andersen Library Building (formerly Career Services) in August. Modifications including ramps and a second floor restroom are being completed before the move. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.uww.edu/StdRscs/csd/>.

### **Announcements**

The veteran's committee is bringing speaker, Mitzi Dearborn to campus April 21<sup>st</sup>. She will present issues involved with veteran's readjustment to civilian and/or student life after returning from active duty. The Classified Connection Committee is working to have her back as a speaker at a future Classified Connection Meeting.

The weather link is now located at the lower right hand corner of the UW-Whitewater homepage. [http://www.uww.edu/cls/departments/geography\\_geology/Weather.html](http://www.uww.edu/cls/departments/geography_geology/Weather.html).

Maretta Miller, Registrar's Office and Shari Foscatto, Admissions Office are highlighted as the Classified Spotlight employees of the month. You can now see their bios at: [http://www.uww.edu/registrar/Classified\\_Connection/spotlight.html](http://www.uww.edu/registrar/Classified_Connection/spotlight.html)

**Next meeting, May 14, 2008: UC 259B: Kim Moistner-Bartlett**, Assistant Dean, Student Life and First Year Experience, on "In the Know - FYE Show", which will include games and prizes! **Mary Blaesius**, Human Resources, Benefit Summary talk.