**MINUTES**

**Chancellor’s Committee on Inclusive Excellence**

**University of Wisconsin - Whitewater**

**Thursday, December 13, 2018 | 10:30AM – 12:00PM**

**UC 261**

*Present:* Bob Barry, Kari Borne, Jes Cisneros, Jess Clayton, Miao-Ching Liu, Eric Loepp, Marco Marquez, Julia Rowehl, Lauren Smith, Ozalle Toms, Terry Tumbarello, Margaret Wheeler, Kenny Yarbrough

*Minutes Recorded by:* Brittany Dickerson, Program Assistant Confidential

*Meeting began at 10:32AM*

**Approval of Minutes**

Chancellor’s Committee on Inclusive Excellence Minutes for December 3, 2018

\*\*There was no quorum at this meeting; therefore, minutes from the previous meeting could not be approved.

**2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**

The committee discussed activities for Tuesday, January 29. Dr. Eric Loepp and Dr. Courtney Luedke will meet next week to discuss the “Letter from Birmingham Jail” video and accompanying discussions.

Recording for the video will go from December 26 to January 10. Marco Marquez has been speaking with individuals about volunteering to participate in the recording. Terry volunteered to provide 5 individuals to participate in the recording (will provide more if necessary). Jes Cisneros volunteered to send information to the learning communities. Margaret Wheeler and Dr. Jess Clayton volunteered to participate in the recording. Dr. Yarbrough would like to gather 30 volunteers for this production. Brittany will distribute details on the recording process for committee members to send to their departments.

The committee discussed activities for Tuesday, January 29. There will be a showing of and discussion on the “Letter from Birmingham Jail” video during Dr. Luedke’s class time, 9-11AM, in the UC (exact location TBD). There will also be a showing of the film *Selma* beginning at 7PM in the Summers Auditorium accompanied by an open discussion starting at 5PM (Dr. Loepp’s class will be in attendance).

Terry Tumbarello stated that University Housing would be willing to purchase popcorn for one of the two movie showings (either at the MLK event or at the Spring Diversity Forum -- whichever one is expected to have greater attendance). He will also publicize the events in the residence halls. Bob Barry stated that the UC would publicize the movies as they do with all other movie showings.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Terrence Green, will be giving his address at 6PM on Wednesday, January 30. He will be facilitating activities with CoEPS during the day.

The committee discussed the possibilities for hosting activities at the Rock County campus. Some of the ideas that were discussed were to stream the keynote address and/or CoEPS presentation at Rock County, have Dr. Green give a presentation at Rock County around the lunch hour, and to send the Forensics Team over to Rock County to do a performance. The committee discussed the logistics of Rock County students commuting to the Whitewater campus to attend events. The latest shuttle between campuses leaves Whitewater at 8:50PM on Tuesday, January 29. Dr. Yarbrough will speak with Greg Swanson about the possibility of adjusting the route on this day so that Rock County students can attend the full *Selma* movie showing (have this shuttle leave at 9:15PM instead of 8:50PM). Dr. Yarbrough will also speak with Dr. Nate Maddux about the possibilities for hosting events at Rock County.

Dr. Loepp began a discussion on “The Lands We Share,” a traveling exhibit that discusses the history and diversity of Wisconsin’s farmers. He shared that this exhibit will be at UW-Whitewater from January 28 to February 10, at the same time as the MLK event. He asked whether or not the committee would be interested in collaborating with CoLS to form a bridge between these two events. The committee discussed “The Lands We Share” and its potential ties to the theme of the 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. After much discussion, the committee decided not to make “The Lands We Share” an official part of the MLK event; however, the committee would be happy to publicize and endorse this exhibit.

The committee discussed whether the event needs to be 3 days in length and whether there needs to be a formal reflection day. After discussion, it was decided that the event would be cut down to two days (January 29 & 30) with no day or activity dedicated to reflection. Kari Borne suggested the idea of gathering informal feedback (e.g. have students write letters and/or post-it notes outside of events, etc.). Dr. Clayton stated that in order to do a formal evaluation, the committee must scan ID cards. It was suggested to contact the HawkCard office to get details on obtaining an ID scanner for the event. Dr. Clayton volunteered to draft a survey that she will share with the committee for feedback via email.

The committee discussed the logistics of having ID scanners at the event. Bob volunteered to speak with Marissa Porn about having student employees help with this. Bob asked for clarification on who the room reservation contacts will be for events (Jessie McGowan – MLK event, Brittany Dickerson – Diversity Forum).

Terry started a discussion on the future of the committee. He asked if part of the committee’s mission could be to look at existing events on campus and offer its “brand” as support to programs across campus. Would this give the committee value and credibility?

**2019 Spring Diversity Forum**

Dr. Yarbrough informed the committee that he spoke with Dr. Joan Littlefield Cook about “Assessment Day”, which will be taking place on February 27, 2019. The committee has been asked not to hold the Spring Diversity Forum on this day. Dr. Yarbrough proposed that the event be cut down to two days (February 26 & 28). On Tuesday, February 26, there will be a showing of the film *13th* at 6PM in Summers Auditorium, followed by a discussion at 8PM. On Thursday, February 28, there will be guest speakers and other activities (TBD).

Dr. Clayton suggested reaching out to the newly formed Film Study Department for a facilitator for the film showing and discussion. The committee discussed the type of facilitator that would be ideal for this event, as well as the ideal format. The committee discussed having multiple (3) facilitators begin a discussion on stage and then open up to the audience. Some suggestions for facilitators were Marco Marquez, Dr. Artanya Wesley, Dr. Susan Johnson, and members of the Film Study Department.

Brittany will send out notifications about the January committee meeting. The 2019 Spring Diversity Forum save-the-dates will be submitted by the end of this week. The committee will focus on publicizing the Spring Diversity Forum after winter break. Margaret shared details on an organization called *Puentes/Bridges, Inc.*, located in Wisconsin, which focuses on creating cultural understanding. She suggested that it be considered for the next Diversity Forum. Dr. Clayton also stated that the English Language Academy would be interested in collaborating with the committee and participating in the 2019 Fall Diversity Forum.

**Questions**

Dr. Yarbrough, following up on Terry’s previous statements about the committee’s future, informed the committee that they would need to look at how they can reach out to other areas on campus that may want to collaborate.

Terry asked what the scope of the committee is (e.g. Policies & procedures, programming, etc.). Dr. Yarbrough answered that looking at university policies is a function of the Chancellor’s Committee on Inclusive Excellence, as well as programming.

**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM*