



Agenda/Meeting MINUTES  
Lake Worth Provost Diversity Committee  
February 4, 2008  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Library Gallery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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**ITEM 1. Welcome and Introductions – Kelley**  
**Brian opened the meeting by welcoming each of the attendees and asking everyone to introduce themselves. The updated minutes of the last Diversity Committee Meeting were distributed.**

**ITEM 2. Study Circles and Towards a More Perfect Union- Inger Cheves**

Discussion: Brian explained that although the originators (Inger Brown Cheves, Director of Youth Programs and Study Circles and William Rothchild, ACSW, Executive Director) of Towards a More Perfect Union were unable to attend the Kickoff Event, he moved to take charge of the proceedings. We had a good start and were able to gather quite a bit of information. Students and faculty that attended would like to have the Study Circles on Mondays instead of Wednesdays and the idea is that these should take place at Lunchtime and possibly another at 6:30 p.m. Inger Cheves and William Rothchild (Towards a More Perfect Union) were able to attend the Diversity Committee Meeting and passed out brochures, a calendar of events, cards and flyers with information. Inger explained that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the community-wide Study Circle program which has been very positively received. Towards a More Perfect Union hopes to run two groups here at PBCC with hopefully eight to fifteen very diverse participants. Inger believes that some of these participants can themselves become facilitators. Executive Director William Rothchild distributed other information on offerings from Toward a More Perfect Union...”The Freddie Stebbins Jefferson Memorial Lecture”, Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., with Keynote Speaker, Professor Sherrilyn Ifill, University of Maryland School of Law. The second offering is, African Footprint,” February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Action: Brian conducted the Study Circle Kickoff Event which went very well. Brian offered video conferencing links to help pull together areas that are spread out and offered his full support, including a link for Towards a More Perfect Union on the new Diversity Calendar that was just created.

**ITEM 3.           Web Page Update**

Discussion:       Diversity Resource Page was discussed. Dr. Vallejo asked that the Duncan Events and Student Activities information be recorded on the website. Brian acknowledged that they would be and said that there were plans to incorporate resources for several groups including Gay & Lesbian, Finnish, Haitian and others soon to be completed. There will be a link on the page which will be continually updated with information and events including a catalogue link for searches. This may also be used by classrooms and hopefully integrated into curriculum for diversity. Brian welcomed the Diversity Committee to give input on what they would like to see. Vernon Grant asked how the site would be promoted and offered that putting flyers around campus might be a good idea. Brian said that was a good idea and that he would also put out an "All User." Dr. Vallejo said that the flyer could be put in the PTLC and the Cafeteria and a link to the campus webpage. Maria Delgado also offered that a flyer could be put in the Education Center.

Action:           All ideas for getting information resources out campus-wide were discussed and will be utilized.

**ITEM 4.           Diversity Calendar of Events**

Discussion:       Diversity Calendar was shown with links to different services and information. There is a link for "Toward a More Perfect Union and March's calendar for Women's History month ready to have events included. Dr. Vallejo thanked Brian for a 'wonderful web page.'

Action:

**ITEM 5.           H.S.I. Update – Dr. Vallejo**

Discussion:       Dr. Vallejo said there will be continuing communication between H.S.I. and the Diversity Committee. PBCC's H.S.I. is required to have 25% Hispanic students in order to qualify for federal grant money. We also need to have all of our people in place before we can recruit. Grace Truman wants to know who will be the Liaison for H.S.I. in order to work together.

Discussion: We now have information sheets in Creole and Spanish and the Labs are doing a survey to find out: Who is in need? What Languages? and How to Help? The Program is in the community and has ambassadors in Churches, various community groups with plans to expand services. Money received from grants will be used for all of our students. The President of Nova University has received a 2.8 million dollar grant from H.S.I. as an "Open Door College".

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**ITEM. 6. Global Education Center Update - Monica Delgado**

Discussion: Monica Delgado said that the Global Education Center has become a one-stop education and information center. A private donor will be giving one million dollars over 4 years to help individuals with language barriers to join with community partners (20) from every background, to help assimilate people into the U.S. We have helped seventy (70) students since July. One hundred and ten students have come thru our center for every kind of assistance. We are working with Grace Truman to have a web site available shortly. February 20<sup>th</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have an Acculturation Workshop for the Haitian community which will be a pilot for mentoring. Dr. Vallejo said that Dr. Davis came to visit and was so impressed with the Education Center that she brought the information to Westchester Community College in Valhalla, New York. They were so pleased with what they saw and heard that they are planning to implement a similar project. Monica expressed that the Center is working to stamp out adversity thru partnerships with Tallahassee.

Action: More information can be found on their website: [globaleducation.sml](http://globaleducation.sml)

**ITEM 7. Language Institute Update – Kim Ardila-Morgan**

Discussion: Kim Ardila-Morgan was unable to attend. She will address Committee at next meeting.

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**ITEM 8. Other**

Bobbi Marsh said that we will be celebrating Women's History Month in March and working together with Vernon Grant and the theatre students on a project that will be @ three different venues: "Phenomenal Women" which will show women through dance, music, storytelling and photography, "Slice of Life" stories of women in different cultures which will include staff and students participating, and "Crossroads," done by Crossroads Graduates. The three women who will be highlighted are, Maya Angelou (Poet, Writer, Director and Speaker), Clara Barton (Red Cross and Suffragette), and Ellen Echoa (Mexico), Astronaut. Events will take place on Thursday, March 29, 2008 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., in the Humanities Building, Lake Worth campus (light refreshments will be served).

Attendance: Monica Delgado, Vernon Grant, Mily Davila, Pat Alvarez, Maria Vallejo, Espe Noble, Mayetta Lee, Bobbi Marsh

Absent: Mark Alexander, Kim Ardila-Morgan, Ayorinde George, Javier de la Sol, Desire Desir, Carmen Gonzalez, Shelly Hill, Kathleen Horowitz, Ardease Johnson, Jelicia Kirk, Susan Lang, Sylvia Macdonald, Susy Martinez-White, Olivia Morris, Patrina Young

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