PHHP Diversity Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Summary

December 16, 2012


1. The committee convened a special meeting to begin planning for PHHP Diversity Day.
2. It was agreed to move forward with March 19 and to center events around Dr. Donna McCree’s lecture. A tentative timeline of events was proposed as follows:
   a. 12:30-1:00 Meeting with Dr. Perri
   b. 1:00-2:00 Lunch with invited faculty and students who share research interests with Dr. McCree
   c. 2:00-3:00 Poster session
   d. 3:00-4:00 Seminar
   e. 4:00-5:00 Panel discussions
   f. 5:00-6:00 Reception
3. The committee discussed topics for panel discussions and agreed on the following:
   a. Health equity including HIV/AIDS
   b. Diversity and inclusion in the classroom
4. The committee agreed on the following action items/working groups
   a. Dr. Noel-Thomas will check with Dr. McCree regarding the suggested schedule of events.
   b. Dr. Troche will contact Dr. Amelia Dempere to solicit her input and invite her to participate as a panelist; Dr. Troche will also ask Dr. Dempere if she can suggest organizations that may be interested in having tables at the event and panelists for the discussions.
   c. Dr. Whitehead agreed to draft a strong central message about the purpose of the event and Brigit agreed to work on publicity.
   d. Dr. Troche, Dr. Blue, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Ali agreed to draft a set of clear directions and guidelines to the chairs regarding expectations for student posters.
   e. Cindy Toth, Brigit Dermott and Melody Schiaffino will work on inviting organizations to set up tables in the Atrium
   f. Brigit will ask Dr. Perri to make introductory remarks about Diversity Day prior to Dr. McCree’s talk.
g. Brigit will send a save the date message (reiterating Dr. Perri and Dr. Whitehead’s messages) and reserve rooms.

h. Dr. Noel-Thomas and Dr. Whitehead will organize the Health Equity (HIV/AIDS, etc.) panel and identify panelists, moderator.

i. Cindy Toth and additional faculty members (to be identified) will organize the Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom Panel

5. It was agreed that a global perspective is an important aspect of diversity and inclusion. This theme will be included in posters, tables, panel discussion questions and/or selection of panelists, and messaging about the event.