

**Campus Diversity Committee Meeting  
Thursday – April 24, 2008**

**Minutes**

<b><u>Members Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>
Cecilia Alvarado	Management	EOPS
Lorena Cadena	A.S.	Student
Lily Espinoza	Cadena Center	Cadena Center
Sarah Martin	I.C.C.	Student
Bob Miranda	LFSA	Student Services
Ruth Sipple	DSS	DSS
Marita Soler	A.S.	Student
Vince White	Co-Chair	Cadena Center
 <b><u>Members Absent:</u></b>		
Gigi Blanche	Faculty	Sociology
Dolores Cornejo	Cadena Center	Cadena Center
Michelle Forte	A.S. (Alternate)	Student
Ann Hovey	Management	Business/CIS
Sharon Kelly	CSEA/Classified	Office of VPSS
Elizabeth Liu	I.C.C.	Student
Leonor Monreal	Faculty	Anthropology
Cindy Vyskocil	Co-Chair	Equity and Diversity
Cynthia Wafer	CSEA/Classified	Special Programs
 <b><u>Visitor:</u></b>		
Patrick Perez	I.C.C./Lambda	Student

Vince White opened the meeting by introducing Lily Espinoza, the new Director of the Cadena/Transfer Center.

**“Diversity through Art” Winners**

Vince announced that it was a very successful event. Marita noted that the event last year was not, in anyway, as good as this year’s. It was so much more involved and got great feed back from the students. Vince – This is the first time we have ever done something like this – students were attracted to it.

[Maria was talking about the Diversity Festival not the Diversity Through the Arts contest.](#)

The three winners with there pieces of artwork were present at the meeting. Vince announced that the event was very successful – we received 25 RSVPs, 17 submitted their work, and 225 people voted on the artwork. Vince then introduced the winners of the contest:

First Place            [Behnam Mehdian](#)    graduating this year and will be transferring to UCLA.

Second Place        [J. R. Rodriguez](#)    Majoring in Fashion Design. He is an International Student.

Third Place           [Jose Basil Malicsi](#) Majoring in Fashion Design. He is also an International Student.

Vince presented the winners with their prizes and certificates:

First Place:	\$150 gift certificate for the FC Bookstore
Second Place:	\$100 gift certificate for the FC Bookstore
Third Place:	\$50 gift certificate for the FC Bookstore

Lily noted that the “Diversity through Art” portion of the “[Festival of Diversity](#),” was very good. We could have more information out on the event. A letter regarding the structure with entry information, etc. Vince stated that Richard McMillen, Chair of the Art Department, told one of our committee members (Gigi Blanche) that he really liked the idea, and [is willing to](#) have his class devote time to the project [next spring](#).

### **Leadership/Chair or Co-Chairs for 2008/2009**

Cindy Vyskocil is on Sabbatical until mid-June. She will be transferred to the District Office on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Vince said we should discuss [the leadership of the diversity committee, in particular, determining](#) whether we will have a Chair or Co-Chairs after Cindy leaves. I will make my recommendations. ([Etta, can you elaborate on this previous sentence?](#)) Lily stated that we can decide who our Co-Chair will be – we need to think about who to support for the next year. She suggested a vote by the active members.

Bob Miranda said that he thinks we definitely need a Chair and a Co-chair. Vince feels that we should have the Chair or Co-Chairs before everyone leaves for the summer. By the May meeting, perhaps we can decide on our leadership for the fall.

Dr. Hodge does not expect the Cadena Center to be a leader of diversity. We should put out an e-mail to request what committee members think.

### **Overview of Events**

Vince presented a handout that indicated the attendance at each event to date. There was discussion [regarding the current status of the dynamic funds and the \\$5.00 deposit for the university tours](#). Vince gave a brief history of the required deposit. Some of the cultural events may have a deposit that is larger (such as the Museum of Tolerance).

Bob Miranda stated that [the PAC was considering a suggestion to charge students \\$20 to off-set the bus price](#). Vince explained why this was not a good idea.

### **Activities for 2008-2009**

Vince mentioned that it was great that we were able to have so many events this year. With institutionalization of the funds, we can plan ahead; work with the faculty to work out their curriculum. One of the things that came out of PAC was the suggestion that the funds requested by the Cadena/Transfer Center should be institutionalized within the CTC budget.

Vince reiterated that Cindy mentioned that she would write a letter to PAC that a portion of her salary that was being paid by FC, be applied for diversity funds.

Lily asked, is the Campus Diversity Committee supposed to be responsible for the events? Bob – the Cadena Center was doing some events. The institution has a responsibility to put money into the diversity events. Vince – with Cindy's leadership, the role of the Diversity Committee has grown – getting speakers here. Vince suggested that Lily speak with Cindy on the history of the Diversity Committee so that she may have a better understanding of our mandate.

Suggestions were made for events for next year:

Vince said that Gigi Blanche (who could not be here today) would like to have the domestic violence event again.

Do a very interactive event applied to the Latin American college students.

Museum of Tolerance Trip

ISC would like to do another collaboration with the Cadena Center on something.

Bienvenidos – AB540 issues.

Bridging the Gap IV

Tet – Hopefully we will be able to work on this.

Leon Leyson – if possible.

Festival of Diversity

We would like to do two events a month in the Cadena Center.

Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium. James Bird and Matthew Shepard – 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of those crimes.

Brent Scarpo – Interested in inviting him to our next meeting. His fee is \$2,500, but he lives in Palm Springs so there would be no additional costs.

Joseph Cedillo – To speak to AB540 students.

Dairy Seaton is interested in doing the Judaism and Islamic event. Nisreen is willing to be part of a panel.

Tour on Christianity. Perhaps a Greek Orthodox Church and The Rock (has the largest congregational in Orange County).

Lily – Anything about the political votes for the Presidential race. Bob said that we could have the Political Science instructors that part in it. We could have Voter Registration and talks about it in September or October. [Although I don't remember the entire discussion here, you may want to rewrite it for clarity.](#)

### **Funding**

If we get the funding requested, we will be able to have two really good speakers for next year. The Proposal for dynamic funds has been ranked. The diversity request was near the top of the list. We should know if we have the funds by the middle of May. The diversity funds, Cadena Center, and Campus Diversity Committee were entered as one request.

### **Announcements**

Lily – I really feel strongly that our students know that the Cadena Center is the “Safe Space”. We have different groups that meet. I could talk to you or any group. We would like to talk about it and decide what you want, etc.

Vince – We discussed that at the end of the last meeting. All of the material and “Safe Zone” is not copy righted. Anyone interested could be trained and have a sticker on their door.

**The next (and last meeting for this year) will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., in the College Center/Room #224.**