Minority Affairs Council
Meeting of Friday September 22, 2006, 3:00 in Brigham 114

Present: Mu-Ling Chang, Rita Rukashaza, Keith Thompson, Kathleen Tigerman (convener), Mick Viney, Artanya Wesley, Carlos Wiley.

Election of Chair, and Minute-Taker:
Rita Rukashaza nominated and Mu-Ling Chang seconded Kathleen Tigerman as chair. Motion was approved. Rita Rukashaza volunteered to be minute-taker.

Proposal to change Purposes and Duties:
Carlos Wiley presented the following suggestions as the council’s official purposes and duties statement:

1. On an annual basis, the council will identify and advocate for university-wide issues that are of particular interest to people of color on campus.
2. Each academic year, the council will forward these issues to the appropriate committee for consideration and possible action. If there is no appropriate committee, the council may recommend the establishment of ad hoc committees.
3. The council will recognize and promote the accomplishments and contributions of people of color to the University of Wisconsin–Platteville and higher education.
4. The council will advise the Provost/Chancellor regarding issues related to people of color on campus.

Carlos Wiley moved and Rita Rukashaza seconded acceptance of the above. Approved.

Composition of Council-Suggested Changes:
Carlos Wiley suggested we remove the head of the Women’s Council as an ex-officio member, and be structured as follows:

1. Three (3) faculty with staggered three-year terms appointed by the Faculty Senate upon the recommendation of the Appointments and Election Committee.
2. Two (2) academic staff representatives.
3. Two (2) students
4. Ex-Officio:
   Director of Multicultural Educational Resource Center
   Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs
   Director of Ethnic Studies

Carlos Wiley moved and Rita Rukashaza seconded acceptance of the above. Approved.

Changing Name of Council:
Since there is an already existing Women’s Council, this council should be focused on issues of race and ethnicity. Therefore, Keith Thompson moved and Mu-Ling Chang seconded the motion that the Minority Affairs Council change its name to Race and Ethnic Affairs Council. Motion was approved.

Approval by Appropriate Bodies:
Kathleen Tigerman will present these changes to Faculty Senate; Artanya Wesley will take this to the Student Senate; Carlos Wiley will present these proposed changes to the Academic Staff Senate.