Race and Ethnic Affairs Council Minutes
Meeting of Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at noon in the Pioneer Room, PSC

Present: Ben Koepsell, Rita Rukashaza, Kathleen Tigerman, Carlos Wiley

Excused: Mu-Ling Chang, Duane Mahone, Keith Thompson, Michael Viney

Absent: Carl Allsup

The meeting began at 12:05.

1. **Approval of the Minutes:**
   Carlos Wiley moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting, seconded by Ben Koepsell. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. **Announcements**

3. **Old Business**
   a. The 3 council proposal, which included the changes to the name of Minority Affairs Council and its change of purposes and duties (see minutes of September 22, 2006 for details) was approved by the Faculty Senate on November 28, 2006. The proposal will be presented by Carlos Wiley to the Academic Staff Senate and the Student Senate for approval on Monday, December 4, 2006.
   b. It appears that there will not be in-service training for faculty on January 16, 2006.

4. **New Business**
   Discussion took place concerning the N-word incident in one of the dorms. We were told that the email sent out by Richard Egley resulted in responses describing other similar incidents that had not been reported to the administration. These included epitaphs against Asians and against homosexuals. The Chancellor has decided to write a letter to the whole campus explaining what has been happening, why this is unacceptable, and what will be done to educate the campus community. Carlos stated that it appears to be worse this year, possibly because there is a higher number of persons of color.

   In order to start working on the problem the Race and Ethnic Affairs Council members decided they would write a letter to all student leaders to ask them to participate in the production of a racial awareness training video. This would be a video-taped round table discussion among student leaders, focusing on the issue of racism at UWP. This video would be used at the university and in the surrounding community as an educational tool. Kathleen Tigerman agreed to write a draft letter and circulate it to the committee members for comment. Carlos would help with setting up a date and arranging the video-taping with TV Services.

5. **Next meeting:**
   It was decided we would contact members to see about dates and times that would be suitable for a meeting. It was hoped we could meet one more time this semester.

The meeting ended at 12:50.