Multicultural Advisory Committee Annual Report

President: Ansley Quiros

Vice President: Laura Williams

Secretary: Matt Duques

Summary:

The Multicultural Advisory Committee had a productive year. At the beginning of the semester, the Committee set several goals, among them: increasing diverse visual representation on the campus, getting more commemoration for Wendell Wilkie Gunn, engaging the issue of Confederate/hate group symbols in the wake of Charlottesville, beginning a conversation about the role of diversity on the campus, and planning for Safe Space training. While the MAC Committee was thinking through these issues, so too were other campus members and significant progress was made toward these goals.

In conjunction with other leaders on campus, on the Board of Trustees, and in particular the Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity and the Provost's Diversity Committee, we saw:

- -the renaming of the Commons for Wendell Wilkie Gunn
- -a sensible transition for the position of Chief Diversity Officer
- -numerous campus events promoting diversity and inclusion
- -discussion and approval in SGA for replacing some lions around campus with images/art/quotes from diverse leaders and thinkers

Without any funding, the Multicultural Advisory Committee's scope will remain limited to suggestion and partnering. My suggestions for goals for the coming year include cultivating a stronger voice in Shared Governance concerning a coherent policy toward hate speech/symbols, and moving ahead to promote and improve racial justice training and LGBTQ training, as well as whatever the Committee deems appropriate in the coming year.

The new MAC leadership (2018-2019) includes:

President: Laura Williams

Vice President: to be named August 2018

Secretary: Matt Duques

Respectfully submitted, Ansley Quiros May 16, 2018