

Eastern Wyoming College

Diversity Committee



August 22, 2013

12- 1 pm

T131

AGENDA

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Students

Joseph Onello

- Approve Notes from April meeting
- Committee & Member Reports
 - International Efforts--David Banville, chair
 - Communications--John Hansen, chair
 - Others?
- Identify & ask for student members
- Planning for Year
 - Display Case
 - September
 - October
 - November
 - December/January
 - February
 - March
 - April (Community College Month)
 - May—August (Year in Review)
 - Activities
 - Hispanic Information Session(s)
 - Other
- Spring Enrollment Report (Ethnicity Percents)
- Other

Eastern Wyoming College
DIVERSITY MEETING NOTES
August 22, 2013, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
T131

Present: *Rex Cogdill, Dee Ludwig, David Banville, Jamie Black, Mike Durfee, John Hansen, Mai Lee Olsen, Titus Man, Stuart Nelson, John Nesbitt, Debbie Ochsner, Karen Posten, Verl Petsch, Zach Smith, Susan Stephenson, Rick Vonburg, Lynn Wamboldt, Chris Wenzel, Donna White, Gwen Yung*

- Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm. New members were welcomed. New members are Stuart Nelson, Rick Vonburg, and Chris Wenzel.
- Approve notes from April meeting:** • The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. Rex made a motion to accept the minutes, John Hansen seconded. They stand as written.
- Committee and Member Reports:** • **International Efforts Subcommittee:**
 - David reported that our goal of having a Fulbright Scholar has been accomplished and Titus is now here.
 - Other ideas that have been talked about among committee members are:
 1. The bilingual secretary 1-year certificate program where recruiting would be from Mexico. Rick will schedule a meeting to discuss this idea further.
 2. A summer welding program with recruits from China
 - International student recruiting was again discussed. Joel Muehler the International Recruiter from Western Wyoming College is willing to talk with us about international recruiting via a conference call.
 - Titus Man, our Fulbright Scholar, introduced himself and told of his journey here. On September 19th there will be a talk/reception for him. This event is open to the public.
- **Communications Subcommittee:**
 - There was no report from this committee but they will be meeting in the next few weeks.
- **Housing Subcommittee**
 - The dorms are full and 28 rooms at Motel 6 have been reserved to help with the students on the waiting list.
- Identify & ask for student members:** • Student membership is needed on the Diversity Committee. Joseph Onello is the one returning student committee member. He represents GSA.
 - Other suggestions for student membership include:
 - A student from the Diversity Club
 - A member from Student Senate. (One student could be chosen to be on the committee and SS Officers could rotate coming to the meetings.)

A Student Ambassador, and
An at-large student member
Please get names and contact information for these students to
Dee.

Planning for the Year:

- **Display Case** – Each month we will highlight a diversity theme in the display case in The Corner. After Discussion, the following are the themes for each month:
September – National Hispanic Heritage Month
October – National Italian American Heritage Month
November – National American Indian Heritage Month
December & January – Holiday Traditions
February – African American History Month
March – Irish American Heritage Month (**Mai Lee, Zach, and the Student Ambassadors will do the display for this month**)
April – Diversity and Community College Month
May – Older Americans Month
June through August – Year in review

Discussion ensued on who would set up the displays each month. It was decided to do a general invite to see who is interested.

- **Activities:**
 - Hispanic Information Session—the information session in the spring was attended by three students and 12 adults. One of these students is attending college here this semester and one is taking concurrent/dual classes.

A subcommittee was set up to follow through with additional sessions. Those on the subcommittee are John Nesbitt, Patsy, Mai Lee, and Mike. We would also like a member from Torrington High School.

Some ideas for future sessions include:
have a fall information session off campus
invite counselors
do a follow-up invitation call, and
offer a “Diversity Scholarship” to those attending.

Spring Enrollment Report:

- The number of Hispanics and total minorities is inching up. The amount of Unknown Ethnicity and Race is decreasing.

Other:

- The Committee decided to meet monthly on Wednesdays at noon. Which Wednesday of each month has yet to be decided.

Next Meeting:

- To be announced.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Eastern Wyoming College Diversity Committee



September 18, 2013

12- 1 pm

T131

AGENDA

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Students

Joseph Onello, Student Senate
Abdel Elghanjaoui, Diversity Club

- Approve Notes from August meeting
- Committee Reports & Activities
 - International Efforts--David Banville, chair
 - Library Ideas—Casey Debus
 - Hispanic Information Sessions—ideas
 - Consider Hispanic Visitation Day and/or Retention efforts--Mike & John H
 - Others?
- Update on/from student members
- Planning for Year
 - Display Case
 - September/October—Latino Influence in the Visual Arts, John Cline
 - November—National American Indian Heritage Month—Need Volunteers
 - December/January—Holiday Traditions—Need Volunteers
 - February—African American History Month—Need Volunteers
 - March—Irish American Heritage Month—Mai Lee, Zach, & Ambassadors
 - April—The American Cowboy/Community College Month—Jake Clark & Rodeo Team
 - May—August Year-in-Review, College Relations
- Other

Eastern Wyoming College
DIVERSITY MEETING NOTES
September 18, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
T131

Present: *Dee Ludwig, Rex Cogdill, Tom Armstrong, David Banville, John Cline, Larry Curtis, Casey Debus, Mike Durfee, Abdel Elghanjaoui, Kellee Gooder, John Hansen, Mai Lee Olsen, Titus Man, Stuart Nelson, John Nesbitt, Karen Posten, Zach Smith, Kaitlyn Steben, Susan Stephenson, Patsy, Velazquez, Rick Vonburg, Lynn Wamboldt, Chris Wenzel, Donna White*

- Meeting was called to order. New members were welcomed. New members are Larry Curtis, Casey Debus, and Abdel Elghanjaoui. John Cline was also present as a special guest.

Approve notes from August meeting: • The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. John made a motion to accept the minutes, Donna seconded. They stand as written.

- Committee Reports and Activities:**
- **International Efforts Subcommittee:**
 - The bilingual secretary program is in the works. It will be a one (1) year certificate. An informal brainstorming session was held regarding this program.
 - We were reminded that the open house for Titus is on 9/19.
 - Speaking with Joel Muehler from Western Wyoming College regarding international recruiting is on hold as he is moving to a different college.
 - **Library Ideas**
 - Casey shared some ideas the Library had for bulletin boards, displays, and speakers:
 - A Constitution Display
 - A Banned Books panel
 - Vietnam Veteran speaker for Veteran's Day in November
 - Have Dr. Haines as a speaker for Black History Month in January or February
 - A Religion Panel
 - Have Craig Johnson as a speaker for Community College Month
 - **Hispanic Information Session:**
 - It was suggested that EWC host a Hispanic Visitation Day where we bring Hispanic students up to the college for the school day, example from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - Some questions/ideas we need to consider if we decide to host a Hispanic Visitation Day:
 - Don't have this visitation day too close to the annual Visitation Day we already host.
 - Do we only invite Goshen County high school Hispanic students, or do we include other counties?
 - Which grades do we invite?
 - Zach will be going to a Multi-cultural Fair at Scottsbluff (WNCC) at the Harms Center. He will get ideas from this fair.
 - Susan reported that we can do a scholarship for Hispanic

students-perhaps call it a Diversity Scholarship. It would cover tuition. Perhaps an essay could be required.

- **Housing Subcommittee**
 - The dorms are still full
 - Your Brightest Color presentation, a personality color test, was given to dorm students.

Update On/From Student Members:

- Abdel Elghanjaoui is a new student member representing the Diversity Club. He introduced himself and talked about his family and country.
- We need more student members. It was suggested that Debbie find a student-at-large member, and Mai Lee will get a member from the Ambassadors.

Planning for the Year:

- **Display Case** – Each month we will highlight a diversity theme in the display case in The Corner.
 - September/October** – Latino Influence in the Visual Arts--John Cline.
 - November** – National American Indian Heritage Month-we need volunteers for this month. The Committee will ask Ellen Creagar for assistance with this month.
 - December & January** – Holiday Traditions-Instruction and Financial Aid will take care of this month and will also ask Muriel if she would like to help.
 - February** – African American History Month-Speech, Debate, and Journalism will do the display for this month.
 - March** – Irish American Heritage Month-Mai Lee, Zach, and the Student Ambassadors will do the display for this month.
 - April** – The American Cowboy/Community-College Month-Jake Clark, The Rodeo Team, and the Block and Bridle Club will do this display.
 - May through August** – Year in review
- **Suggestions that came in after the meeting:**
 - For November, Ellen's idea involved how the Iroquois Confederacy influenced the Founding Fathers creation of the American Constitution.
 - For December and January Muriel is thinking in terms of Holiday Traditions for children from around the world.

Other:

- Donna reported that the Russian Folk Festival would be performing on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 2 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. At the door, prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. College students may purchase tickets for \$10.
- Abdel suggested showing the movie The Andalusian Dog by Salvador Dali.
- We have money for speakers from the McElhaney Foundation.
- The Diversity Club will again be doing Trunk or Treating for Halloween.

Next Meeting:

- The October meeting will be held on a Tuesday. An invitation will be sent via email.

Eastern Wyoming College

Diversity Committee



November 20, 2013

12- 1 pm

T131

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- Approve Notes from September meeting
- Committee Reports & Activities
 - International Efforts--David Banville, chair
 - Library Ideas—Casey Debus
 - Hispanic Information Sessions
 - Community College Information Night
 - Multi-cultural visitation day spring
 - Trunk Trick or Treating Report (Diversity Club)
 - Others?
- Update from student members
- Planning for Year
 - Display Case
 - November—National American Indian Heritage Month—Ellen Creagar (posters)
 - December/January—Holiday Traditions—Muriel deGanahl, Financial Aid, Learning Office
- Accreditation Update—Lynn & Dee

Eastern Wyoming College
DIVERSITY MEETING NOTES
November 20, 2013 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
T131

Present: *Dee Ludwig, Tom Armstrong, Kellee Gooder, John Hansen, Titus Man, Becky McAllister, John Nesbitt, Karen Posten, Kim Russell, Kaitlyn Steben, Kerry Steward, Patsy, Velazquez, Lynn Wamboldt, Gwen Yung*

Approve notes from September Meeting:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. John Hansen made a motion to accept the minutes, Becky seconded. They stand as written.

Committee Reports and Activities:

- **International Efforts Subcommittee:**
 - The bilingual secretary program committee will meet soon to discuss the program. Tami Afdahl will be invited to the meeting to discuss marketing.
John Nesbit suggested a new program title which will reflect the skills which will be taught and the types of jobs these students will be preparing for.
The next step which needs to be addressed is recruiting for this program.
 - A topics class is being offered on International and Comparative Education between the US and Romania.
- **Library Ideas:**
 - Casey was not able to attend the meeting but shared the Library's ideas through email. These ideas include:
January 21st the library is presenting Dr. Taylor Haynes in conjunction with Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month. A reception will follow in the FA lobby.
The Librarians are discussing a religion panel possibly for March.
They are also working with the county library to arrange a book signing with Craig Johnson next semester.
- **Hispanic Information Session:**
 - Community College Information Night
This event was not well attended, but EWC had a good presence at Riverside Church. People saw EWC at the church and called to ask what the event was.
This was a good "fishing expedition."
Perhaps next time we could invite Morrill and Guernsey students.
Next time perhaps we could use the marquee to publicize the event.
 - Multicultural visitation day this spring
The date has been narrowed down to three possible days in January. Ideas for activities for this day include:
Have Dr. Hortensia Soto-Johnson, a distinguished EWC Alumni, as a speaker. Currently she is a Math Sciences Instructor at the University of Northern Colorado.
Have a panel of young scholars who have struggled with

obstacles but have overcome them and succeeded.

Have Parent meetings separate from the student meetings.

Have the time be from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

- **Diversity Club:**
 - Trunk or treating was a success and the table in the Chamber building is reserved for next year.
 - For Christmas the Club is supplying ornaments for students to decorate and hang on the Art Club tree
 - The Club is planning a trip to Denver for Cinco de Mayo on May 3rd. They will eat at Casa Bonita. Somehow they will have to limit the number of students who attend. Suggestions for this include:
 - Limit the trip to Diversity Club Members.
 - Limit trip to the first 20 students who sign up, or invite those who attend the Multi-cultural Visitation Day.
- **Housing Subcommittee:**
 - The dorms hosted a pumpkin carving time.
 - They are working on a community service project for Christmas (last year's project was hats and mittens to area daycares).
- **GIS Day:**
 - Geographic Information Systems Day is a globally-recognized day. Titus Man was in "The Corner" from 9:30am until 12pm to have students sign in and provide them with a GIS Day wristband. Students then were able to complete a short GIS Day computer-based activity. Titus reported that about 50 students participated.
- **Other reports:**
 - One student is doing a service learning project by collecting socks for people in need. This project is detailed in the school newspaper
 - The OxFam banquet was a success. One student gave a testimonial that really hit home and gave a face to hunger.
 - Mix it up Day in the cafeteria went well. The students used marshmallows and pasta to create a sculpture. Everyone got involved and worked toward a common goal.

Planning for the Year:

- **Display Case** – Each month we will highlight a diversity theme in the display case in The Corner.
 - November** – National American Indian Heritage Month.-Ellen took care of the display for this month with Indian facts posters.
 - John F. Kennedy display** – This is the 50th anniversary of his assassination. Patsy and Casey will do a display concentrating on what he accomplished while living.
 - December & January** – Holiday Traditions-Instruction and Financial Aid will take care of this month and will also ask Muriel if she would like to help. A meeting will be held to discuss this display

Accreditation Update:

- The focus meeting will be held October 6th and 7th of 2014. A 25-50 page report is due at this time. No public notice or hearing

is required for this meeting.

- The Committee discussed if we need “diversity” in our Mission Statement? Should we add it?

It was suggested that we make a strong argument that our Mission Statement already reflects diversity as it is written.

Other:

- John Nesbit made a suggestion that as a gesture of goodwill we make a donation to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pageant on December 12th. The donation could be either monetary or a floral arrangement of red roses. No decision was made.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be in January.

Eastern Wyoming College

Diversity Committee



January 15, 2014

12- 1 pm

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Abdel Elghanjaoui, Diversity Club
Kehera Wilson, Student Senate

- Approve Notes from November meeting
- **TAKE PICTURE OF COMMITTEE**
- Committee Reports & Activities
 - International Efforts--David Banville, chair
 - Library Ideas—Casey Debus
 - Hispanic Information Sessions
 - Multi-cultural visitation day spring
 - January 31, 2014
 - Others?
- Update from student members
- Planning for Year
 - Display Case
 - December/January—Holiday Traditions—
 - February—African American History Month, Journalism Club & Debate Team
- Accreditation Update—Lynn & Dee

Eastern Wyoming College
DIVERSITY MEETING NOTES
January 15, 2014 12:00 – 1:00pm
T131

Present: *Rick Vonburg, Zach Smith, Becky McAllister, Susan Stephenson, Kellee Gooder, Jamie Black, Gwen Yung, Kim Russell, Rex Cogdill, Lynn Wamboldt, Dee Ludwig, Donna White, John Nesbitt, Patsy Valaquez, Chris Wenzel, Titus Man, David Banville, John Hansen, Debbie Ochsner, Abdel Elghanjaoui, Mike Durfee*

Approve notes from December meeting:

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was recommended John Nesbitt's name be correctly spelled. Minutes were approved with the correct spelling for Nesbitt.

Committee Reports and Activities:

International Efforts Subcommittee: David Banville shared information about the Executive Office Assistant One Year Certificate Program. Dr. Ludwig said she researched Rotary Clubs in Mexico and how hopefully the EWC information will be distributed to interested students by Rotary Club members. John Nesbitt recommended more ESL classes for these students. There should be an option for students to take additional English classes at EWC. Titus is here until May and David Banville encouraged groups, organizations, and classes to invite Titus as a guest speaker.

Library Ideas: Donna White reported that Taylor Haynes will be on campus on January 21 at 12:00 pm to share information about community colleges. The presentation will be in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Hispanic Information Session: Zach, Patsy, Rex and Mike shared information about the upcoming Multicultural Day for Goshen County juniors and seniors on Friday, January 31.

Diversity Club: Patsy shared information about the May trip to Denver for Cinco de Mayo. It was recommend and supported by all to limit the group to EWC students.

Other reports: Donna White shared information about Gabi's Romanian Holiday and upcoming Community Education cooking classes. Kellee Gooder said they are planning on hosting a Super Bowl party.

Planning for the Year:

December 1 Winter Holidays Around the World
January: Chinese New Year
February: Black History Month
March: Irish History and Women's History Month
April: The American Cowboy

Accreditation Update:

Dee shared information she is compiling in the draft of the Accreditation Update Report.

A picture of the committee was taken by Kim Jones.

Eastern Wyoming College Diversity Committee



March 26, 2014

12- 1 pm

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- Approve Notes from January meeting
- Watch CCSSE Video—**Aspirations to Achievement—Men of Color and Community Colleges**
- **Re-TAKE PICTURE OF COMMITTEE**
- Committee Reports & Activities
 - Diversity Coordinator Report
 - International Efforts--David Banville, chair
 - Library Ideas—Casey Debus
 - Hispanic Information Sessions
 - Multi-cultural visitation day spring--report
 - Others?
- Updates from student members
- Planning for Year
 - Display Case
 - March—Irish American Heritage
 - April—The American Cowboy
- Focus Report (draft)—Lynn & Dee

Eastern Wyoming College
DIVERSITY MEETING NOTES
March 26, 2014, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
T131

Present: *Dee Ludwig, Rex Cogdill, Casey Debus, Mike Durfee, John Hansen, Mai Lee Olsen, Titus Man, Stuart Nelson, John Nesbitt, Karen Posten, Kim Russell, Kaitlyn Steben, Kerry Steward, Patsy Velazquez, Lynn Wamboldt, Donna White, Gwen Yung, Joseph Onello*

Approve notes from January meeting:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. Kim Russell moved to accept the minutes, John Hansen seconded. They stand as written.

CCSSE Video – Aspirations to Achievement – Men of Color and Community Colleges

- The committee watched and discussed this movie.
- Several members commented about the primary points relating to the young men's experiences. It was recommended to show it to all employees at Fall In-Service.

Re-Take Picture of Committee:

- Kim Jones retook the picture of the Diversity Committee members.

Committee Reports and Activities:

- **Diversity Coordinator Report**
-Patsy reported that she tries to touch bases with Latino/Latina students when they are enrolled. When deficiency reports come out she contacts the students to talk with them and then she calls them back in a week or two to see how things are going. She encourages them to talk to with their instructors and their advisors.
-Often the students have problems with taking tests and exams. Casey informed the committee that the Library has resources that can help with study skills, and they might be able to be utilized by these students.
-Patsy also reported that she has helped three students complete their admissions paperwork for continuing education.
- **Library Ideas:**
- Casey reported that the Library had an art display for Does Gender Matter?
-Next month for The American Cowboy month the Library will have a display on their bulletin board and will also have an art show.
- On April 23rd, Greg Peterson is presenting a show, Advocating Agriculture through Social Media, at 7pm in the EWC Auditorium.
- Next fall a book signing with Craig Johnson is being planned.
- **Diversity Club:**
- Sponsored a Romanian Pancake Feed and invited other clubs and sponsors. Dr. Man also presented geography about Romania. There were about 20 people in attendance.
- **Other reports:**
- Patsy informed us that UW is sponsoring a Latino/Latina Studies film series. The film being shown on March 26, 2014

tells the stories of some Jackson, WY students. She also reminded us that UW is interested in helping us by providing mentors, students for panels, or even students for student shadowing.

- Donna reported on Community Ed's Ethnic Cooking Classes. They just finished German cooking and are now starting Italian cooking.

- John Hanson is interested in have a "Diversity" movie night and asked for suggestions for movies. One suggestion is *12 Years a Slave*.

Updates from Student Members:

- **Student Senate**

- Joey Onello reported that The Student Senate is sponsoring a Magician.

- They are also cleaning their "Adopted Road" on April 7th and faculty and staff are invited to participate.

- Cosmetology is planning a luau before the end of the semester.

- **GSA**

- Joey also informed us that members of the GSA club will be attending the Matthew Shepard Symposium.

- GSA is also working on safe zones.

Planning for the Year:

- **Display Case** – Each month we will highlight a diversity theme in the display case in The Corner.

April – The American Cowboy. Mike reported that the display in the case will consist of photographs of cowboys/cowgirls and also historic memorabilia.

- Patsy conveyed that she now has a filing cabinet for display items. Anything needing stored can be given to her.

Focus Report (draft):

- A draft of the Focus Visit Report was distributed. We are asked to **proof for content by April 15, 2014.**

Other:

- On the Agenda for next month, we will plan for next year's displays for each month.

Next Meeting:

- TBA

Eastern Wyoming College Diversity Committee



May 1, 2014

12- 1 pm

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- Approve Notes from March meeting
- **Re-TAKE PICTURE OF COMMITTEE**
- Poem by Hannah Chapman (John Hansen)
- Committee Reports & Activities
 - Diversity Coordinator Report
 - International Efforts--David Banville, chair
 - Library Ideas—Casey Debus
 - Report on Greg Peterson
 - Others?
- Updates from student members
- Planning for Next Year
 - Display Case
 - September
 - October
 - November
 - December/January
 - February
 - March
 - April
 - May-August
- Other

Eastern Wyoming College
DIVERSITY MEETING NOTES
May 1, 2014, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Present: *Dee Ludwig, Rex Cogdill, David Banville, Mike Durfee, John Hansen, Mai Lee Olsen, Becky McAllister, Stuart Nelson, John Nesbitt, Karen Posten, Kim Russell, Kaitlyn Steben, Susan Stephenson, Patsy Velazquez, Lynn Wamboldt, Chris Wenzel, Gwen Yung,*

- Approve notes from March meeting:**
- The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. Mai Lee Olsen moved to accept the minutes, Mike Durfee seconded. They stand as written.
- Committee Reports and Activities:**
- **Diversity Coordinator Report**
 - Patsy reported that she is touching bases with those Latino/Latina students who haven't registered yet.
 - The students who had mid-term deficiencies met with their advisors and dropped classes if necessary.
 - Six students took part in the trip to the University of Wyoming for a visitation day. One student has registered and two more have started the admission process. Committee members discussed that this trip to UW should be an annual trip on a specific day so the students know in advance when the trip will take place.
 - **International Efforts:**
 - David reported that Titus is home safely and he wished to relay that he was very touched by EWC's kindness to him and he wished to say "thank you" to all of us.
 - **Library Ideas:**
 - Casey was not able to attend the meeting but had emailed her report:
 - Greg Peterson's presentation was a success. It was attended by over 176 people. He ate supper with five students who entered the drawing and after the presentation he spoke with and took pictures with all who were interested.
 - **Other reports:**
 - Mike reported that the Cowboy Month corner display was a success due to EWC personnel providing photos and other items such as belt buckles, spurs, etc. for the display.
 - The Year-in-Review display is up now and will be up until August.
- Poem by Hannah Chapman:**
- John Hansen enacted a poem by one of EWC's students, Hannah Chapman, which dealt with diversity.
- Re-Take Picture of Committee:**
- Kim Jones retook the picture of the Diversity Committee members.
- Planning for Next Year:**
- **Display Case** – Each month we will highlight a diversity theme in the display case in The Corner.
 - **September** – Hispanic Awareness month – Patsy and the Diversity Club will do this display.

- **October** – Breast Cancer Awareness month – Gwen Yung, Cosmetology, and the volleyball team will take care of this month.
- **November** – National American Indian Heritage Month – no one has signed up for this display yet.
- **December/January** - National Mentoring Month – Gear Up is in charge of this display.
- February** – Black History Month – John Hansen will do this display.
- **March** – Women’s History Month – Mai Lee Olsen and Zach Smith volunteered for this month.
- **April** – Financial Awareness Month – Stuart Nelson and Financial Aid are in charge of the display for this month.
- **May through August** – the Year in Review – College Relations will take care of this display.
- Hispanic Information Night will be held in October.
- Multi-Cultural Visitation Day will be held in January.

Other:

- May 14th is College for a Day. Goshen County schools will be attending as well as students from the Albin school.
-John Hansen was asked to talk about diversity at College for a Day.
-Patsy offered to provide diversity bookmarks which have a poem about diversity on them.
- The bilingual secretary program is still being discussed. Starting the program has been set back one year.

Next Meeting:

- TBA. The next meeting will be when all return for the Fall 2014 semester.