

Meeting Minutes

Feasibility Study: Multicultural Center/Building Steering Committee January 22, 2020

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Action Items

1. Website:
 - a. Finalize president's statement.
 - b. Finalize hero photo.
2. Share shortlist (OF WHAT) with Steering Committee.
1. Send reminder for DEI Activities Inventory by not later than January 30.

Updates – 7:30 a – 8:00 a

2. Update on Website
 - a. Discussion on hero image – investigating if it can be rotating.
 - i. Michael Suarez (Student Services) can send pictures.
 - b. Revise official remark from the president out of RFQ.
 - c. Events – content needed, timeline to be designed. Will be populated after consultant is hired.
 - d. Meeting minutes will be broken out by committee.
 - e. Consultant will need to follow accessibility specifications for sharing information publicly (webaccess.msu.edu).
 - i. Transfer of information from Teams to website.
 - f. Expect to go live in the next week or two.
3. Update on RFQ and Planning Committee Engagement
 - a. 11 RFQ's - 4 from WBE/MBE list and 7 other consultants.
 - i. Details can be found in the Planning Committee Teams platform.
 - b. Questions that highlight diversity are more weighted on the point scale.
 - c. Shortlist (3-4 consultants) was developed 1/22/20.
4. Community engagement
 - a. Multiple community engagement efforts Post-Spring Break.
 - b. RHS will put community engagement efforts on a master calendar.
 - c. Consultant is anticipated to be on board the beginning of March.
 - d. 4/13/20: DEI conversation with campus.
 - e. Student groups usually transition leadership during the spring 2020.

5. Update on the January 10, 2020 Memo to MAU Administrators for DEI Activities Inventory
 - a. Due back to OPB Feb. 3 – subject line “DUE Feb 3 – DEI Inventory” – only 4-5 responses thus far.
 - i. Sam to send reminder under Paulette’s email.
 - b. Discussion on how we organize the data when it’s returned to Lisa.
 - c. All Deans were included on the distribution email including their HR representatives.

New Item -8:00 am

1. Meeting with ISP Dean, Assistant Dean of Global Youth Advancement Chinwe Effiong to discuss a desired Youth Globalization Center (youth are defined as those between 18 - 34 years of age).
 - a. Students from other countries are usually clustered in silos and not interacting with American students – the goal is to bridge that gap.
 - b. Students need to understand what is happening across the globe – how can we bring the activities across the world to campus?
 - c. US chapter would be one of 10 across the world and this would be the first in the US if funding is secured.
 - i. Center in Japan is a stand-alone 3,500 sf named after the donor.
 - ii. Center’s goal is to improve communication across the world.
 - iii. Ultimate goal is to raise awareness and appreciation for different cultures.
 - d. Discussed this in the context of the Multicultural Center and its goals which seem to be aligned with those articulated by students.
 - i. Need to include students in this conversation.

Continuing Items

1. Feasibility Study – General Discussion
 - d. Purdue’s Feasibility Study
 - e. Campus visits/contacts
2. Fundraising
 - a. Role of Advancement
3. Project Milestone Plan
 - a. December 2020 presentation to the BOT