Meeting of the Multicultural and Diversity Committee Of the Academic Senate
Redwoods Community College District
7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Room CA100
883 W. Washington, Rm., Crescent City, CA 95531, Room E-3

Friday, December 5, 2014, 3:00pm. – 5:00 p.m.
Present: Deanna Herrera-Thomas, Dana Maher, Cindy Hooper, Jacqui Cain, Dave Bazard, Sean Herrera-Thomas
Absent: Julie Raich, Kristy Carlsen,

Public Announcements:
Jacqui Cain announced that Sherman Alexie would be visiting for the “Book of the Year” events this spring and that the Book of the Year Committee was organizing a juried exhibit. A motion was made to move this item to discussion. This motion was approved by the committee.

Meeting Minutes
Approve the minutes – Dana Maher moved to approve the minutes, Jacqui Cain second the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without changes

Action Items: no action items

Discussion
1. Sherman Alexie exhibit and contest discussion (moved from announcement to discussion):
Dana Maher described how HSU has a description and criteria for exhibits honoring multicultural topics. The exhibit also involved judging to select the best entry. Last year the exhibit was at aquatic center (HSU). Each student provided a proposal worked with a faculty mentor. Jacqui Cain described what has happened with CR and the student projects. The Book of the Year committee wants a similar event this year with the exhibits focusing on the Sherman Alexie book. The MDC members agreed that they would be willing to be judges for the art contest. Cindy Hooper agreed to investigate the availability of a CR space for the exhibit.

2. Multicultural calendar - review of the calendar.
MDC Chair Deanna Herrera-Thomas reviewed ideas for the calendar and specifically a short list of events that the MDC developed over the last few years. Deanna asked the committee to forward additional dates to her. The committee agreed, at least initially, not to include religious holidays. The committee engaged in ideas about how to format the listing and to show months, etc. Deanna agreed to send out an email asking each committee member to find info for a group of holidays.

3. Workforce Equity in Hiring Plan.
The process for MDC input into the action items of the Workforce Equity in Hiring Plan is being discussed by Senate Executive Committee. The MDC's role for the last few years has focused on the class scheduling action item. This involves development of a list of protected courses that would attract a diverse faculty. The committee members agreed to look at one of the previous lists and to provide input about which courses should be on this list. Each member will look through the lists and give feedback.
One of the other items of the plan involves web pages. The MDC discussed the need for an up to date MDC web page and the need to devise a system to keep pages updated.
4. Multicultural Center in the Lakeview Room.
Student representative Quan Ming asked about the status of the Multicultural Center (in the old Lakeview Room) and how it is to be used. It is an ASCR funded space. The MDC members suggested this could be a place for the Alexie Sherman projects.

Announcements
1. The proposed criteria (revised from previous years) for CR’s multicultural award is awaiting senate discussion.

2. The LINK (liberation in North Korea) presentation had a good turn out and was considered a very successful event. This is an example of the positive impact of a global understanding education event. Past questions regarding financial and resource support from CR were resolved.

Adjournment – at 4:48pm.