Diversity and Inclusivity Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2010. 8 a.m.

Members Present: Carolyn Brady, Mary Manke, Melanie Ayres, Ashley Olson, Todd Savage, Cyndi Kernahan, Andriel Dees

Guests: Tennae, Maki, Student; Paul Sheperd, Student Life

1) Diversity and Inclusivity Statement
   The Committee decided to revamp the statement. We reviewed other templates of mission and vision statements. Melanie is going to send out a draft to everyone. Andriel is going to contact a couple of Chief Diversity Officers to see if we have the okay to review and adapt some language from other institutions but craft it so that it is unique to UWRF.

2) Inclusivity Center Update
   a. Ashley and Paul updated the committee on the current status with forming the concept for the Center. Students Brad Kershner and Mae Booth are meeting with student organizations about what students want for the center. Ideas for the space include meeting space for a variety of programming, and places for outside organizations to have satellite offices.
   b. Immediate change – The Residential Life staff is moving out of the UC and the Student Life staff will be moving up front where the Residential Life staff were housed. With this change, Student Life is looking to place for the interim a small student lounge.
   c. One of the long term goals for UC renovations may include being able build on the second level offices for staff, and free up the area currently used for offices as a better space for the Inclusivity Center which could include meeting space, programming space, and also a safe space for students. Another challenge is staffing and the need for perhaps having another FTE to run the center or would be more of a walk up support for students.

   The next meeting for the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6 at 8 a.m.