
**GAPSA Pluralism Council Minutes
November 20, 2008**

Members present: Meredith Shaffer, Tyler Stoops, Susan Haas, Wendy Green, Raquel Albarran, Christa Heyward, Zohaib Mohammad, Salmon Kadivar, Pratibha Bajaj and Esther Agbaje

The meeting started with the Vice Chair presenting the agenda for the meeting. After that all present members were invited to speak on the key issues.

Following are the key points of discussion:

1. It was proposed to chart out a direction and vision for the Pluralism Council.
2. Based on the discussion in the last meeting, the strategy to reach out to members of under represented communities was discussed. There was a proposal to divide the responsibility to approach schools. Following members of the council volunteered to get reach out to their respective school administrations.
 - Tyler – Wharton School
 - Meredith – Medical School
 - Susan – Annenberg School
 - Wendy – GSE
 - Zohaib – Engineering School
 - Law School
 - SAS
 - Nursing
 - Design
 - SP2
 - Veterinary
 - Dental

It was proposed to organize a university wide event to celebrate diversity. Many ideas were thrown together.

3. A club fest could be organized next September for incoming students. This fest would introduce different clubs existing in the university for diverse groups of students.
 - An Ice skating event was suggested as a fun event to be organized in February.
 - Another interesting suggestion which was put forward was a Moving performance (a cultural event like a music or dance performance which



will be held at various schools one after the other on a single day). The idea received lot of support from the members.

- It was decided to constitute a sub-committee to organize this event that would coincide with GradFest 09.
 - Tyler said he would check with WIC if they would be interested in participating and each representative group would go back and see if their organizations would develop a program for that day.
4. Suggestions were invited for a family resource center. No concrete idea could be materialized. It was proposed that members work on more suggestions for the family resource center and email the group as a whole if they come across any useful suggestion in this regard.

Submitted by Esther Agbaje, Vice Chair for Equity & Access