

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Centennial Room, Student Union

November 09, 6:30 pm

I. Approval of 10/26/16 Minutes

II. New Business

A. BILL 2017-065 - A BILL TO FUND THE BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- Hosting 2016 Annual food drive, provided hundreds of pounds for local charities in the past
- General Funding (\$100)
- Passed

B. BILL 2017-067 - A BILL TO FUND ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

- Philosophical and spiritual group
- General Funding (\$100)
- Passed

C. BILL 2017-068 - A BILL TO FUND BRIDGES INTERNATIONAL

- Christian student organization that tries to foster international students connections with Americans and every Friday they go to eat dinner at an American families house
 - Question: Exemption?
 - No, and they were funded before. They are open to all people on RCC page
 - General Funding (\$100)
 - Bill passed with votes in opposition

D. BILL 2017-307- A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL REVENUE-NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND POLICY AND URGING BIPARTISAN ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- Something needs to be done to help climate change, but putting a price on fossil fuel will hurt the economy and consumers will be less inclined to buy them

- It's a dead end, hurts the economy, and the republicans are against it
- This proposition is similar to a tax, but instead the money would go to families rather than the government
- Bipartisan consensus
- For every 10 successful meetings they have, there's one negative meeting
- Bill endorses idea and urges Lynn Jenkins to join the committee
 - Question: Is there any specific reason your sending it to the Topeka Star and the Kansas City Journal? Answer: that's just standard procedure
 - Bill passes
 - Contact Tomas if you want to get involved in the Citizens Climate Lobby

III. Committee Discussion

A. Timely Business

- About the Election
- It effects the climate on campus, hard to serve students, and it hasn't sunken in yet
- Three Muslim women were harassed on campus already, an African American women got spit on at Wescoe beach by a white man, and students crying and classes cancelled. People are saying to complain if you didn't vote, but some people can't vote.
- Effects marginalized identity's, LGBTQ community, and anyone who practices the Muslim faith. It is a testing time and we need to be cognizant of how this effects everyone on the campus and try to make everyone feel safe. Another thing to overcome and come together as a community.
- If you experience anything, report it to IOA on campus, email them, go to OMA designated safe space. It's important to document experiences you have so people have to give responses
 - Question: if someone is harassed and marginalized how effective is IOA at being proactive about it? Answer: They have a new director and are more

focused. They are going to do the work and hopeful that will reform the IOA and give it a new image

B. Office of Multicultural Affairs

- A good way is to be involved is to present, go to their events, and use their resources. Sharing the space is important because you can't get to know them without being there, as well as advocating for their funding and making sure their supported
- Catherine Johnson and Dot Nary wants to come to speak with us at the next meeting

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair - Zoya Khan

- Ad Hoc committee for religious minorities is meeting this week- 7 confirmed members. The goal is to have language finalized for the survey before semester is over and it's received a lot of support from staff and faculty
- Attended a meeting at Haskell with other student executive members. There was really great conversation and it was an honor for them to host us, and an honor to be in that space. I'm looking forward to continuing these meetings

B. Vice Chair/Associate Senator - Daniel Lee

- The status of minorities subcommittee chairman generates a report by the end of the fall and I'm trying to meet all of the minority groups on campus in their own space
- This gets a committee to do this, so if interested let me know

C. Secretary - Jessica Guardiola

- The Danger of a Single Story- Brown Bag Discussion today at 8:00 at the OMA
- Let's Talk About It: Gender & The Election Outcome tomorrow at 12-1 in the Kansas Union in the Kansas room, hosted by Emily Taylor Center
- Portraits of Latinx Identity by KU CLACS Reception Thurs. Nov. 10 from 5-6 pm in the Kansas Union Gallery
- Lawrence Stands with Standing Rock Saturday Nov.12 from 4-9 pm in South Park

D. Director of Diversity and Inclusion - Abdoulie Njai

- Started planning Multicultural Student retreat and going to send a survey out to organizations to see what topics they want to be talked about. It's February 11th from 10 am to 5 pm and using the Union and the OMA
- Resource fair, SAPEC AAC OMA people to speak. Helps with retention and expose students to resources and there's several potential speakers.
- As planning goes on, will get our feedback

E. Advisor - Saida Bonifield

V. Announcements

- Event at the university with alumni Billy Mills, who was a Native American track athlete. He'll be speaking on Nov. 11 in the Alderson room from 4:00-7:00 pm
- A social welfare group on campus for a philanthropy event will be doing a drive for standing rock, will be tabling next week on campus

VI. Adjournment