

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Centennial Room, Student Union

October 26, 6:30 pm

I. Officer Elections

- Daniel Lee got elected to be Vice Chair
- Jessica Guardiola got elected to be Secretary

II. Officer Reports

A. Chair - Zoya Khan

- Sends out emails weekly of events to keep everyone updated, including cultural competency and tunnel of oppression.
- Make sure to sign up for bystander training and to keep reaching out to people to come into this space.
- There are few bills tonight and so it's important to make sure to keep up outreach and to let organizations know that we are here to provide general funding and legislation.

A. Vice Chair - Daniel Lee

- Make sure to visit the tunnel of oppression and to attend the campus carry discussion panel.
- Trying to get a subcommittee chairman and meeting with multicultural student groups.

A. Secretary/Associate Senator - Jessica Guardiola

- Thanks!

A. Advisor - Saida Bonifield

- A resource for you all and has institutional history to share with anyone who is interested. Supports the work we are doing on campus and is having meetings about religious minority policy and how to make them more transparent.

A. Director of Diversity and Inclusion - Abdoulie Njai

- Not present

III. Approval of 10/12/16 Minutes

IV. New Business

A. **BILL 2017-061 A BILL TO FUND MULTICULTURAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT (MSG)**

- The bill passed without discussion.

I. Committee Discussion

- Community guidelines
- Members think these would be good ideas for guidelines: speaking from their heart and own experiences, attack the idea and not the person, being cognoscente of how much space you take up, and general respect.
- It's important to revisit them and reassess as we feel the need to

Focusing on our relationship with office of Multicultural Affairs

- Precious Porras is the Director of Multicultural Affairs

○ About OMA

- It exists because of students and specifically student senate. It was created from protests and racial incidents that led to the Sabatini Multicultural Resource

Center opening in 1995. In 2008 the space that they now are in was opened. Focuses on hawk link which provides services for first year students and social justice. Also started a newsletter that can be joined by list serve and are on social media.

- OMA is hoping to launch grassroots activism programs, have a new academic advisor staff position, and ensure that classroom space is inclusive. They also provide social justice fellows program for faculty and staff, this is a way to provide social justice for them. They have a retreat called colors of KU, which the application just went live for.
- Operating from a diversity framework, and how to celebrate that diversity. Moving forward, they would like to expand their office and add another staff member. They also want to create an assessment for their office to track their impact.
- Won't be involved in the chancellor selection process, but would like to be involved. Plan to share their thoughts with members involved in the process.
- It's important to start change from the people who want the change. Most students are uncomfortable with senate and don't realize they can become members by coming to the MA meetings.
- OMA is here to serve us and some of the biggest challenges is institutional racism, budget cuts, and resistance. Ways to outreach are going to student organization meetings, listen to what programs their doing, and listening to the concerns of students.
- Come to next MA cycle with ideas how we can interact with the OMA- Zoya

A. Timely Business

- no timely business

A. Office of Multicultural Affairs

VI. Announcements

- Board of advisor's is having their second meeting
- Midwestern Bumbletack & KU Quest events coming up
- Muslim Student Association meetings every Monday 5-6

VII. Adjournment