

Cultural Enrichment Committee MINUTES

9/10/24 11:30-12:30

Buckeye 104

The Cultural Enrichment Committee recognizes and uplifts our minority students by developing and sustaining a welcoming campus culture through events that allow for self-representation, greater visibility, and inclusion.

Attendance: Jenn Guhl, Tuolumne Co. Behavioral Health; Kristina Miro-Bridges; Iveth Moreno; Luisa Adams; Andrea Mattos; Vanessa Muro-Marui; Mathew Camacho; Emily Graham; Lindsay Laney; Sayed Aqil Mosawi; Anneka Rogers Whitmer; Adrienne Seegers

1. Land acknowledgment – *read by Matthew Camacho. Adrienne noted that this is just the first step and we are looking forward to the action steps beyond land acknowledgment.*

2. Welcome and intro -Adrienne & Emily – *We introduced ourselves with our names, pronouns, titles, and one word to describe the culture we came from.*

3. Cultural Enrichment Calendar – *Adrienne shared the semester outline, and noted that as events are planned we should look for opportunities to infuse Cultural Enrichment into events already happening.*

4. Ongoing activities

· Cultural displays (Adrienne, Vanessa, Lindsay, Levi) *Displays are offering students ways to feel welcomed and seen. AAC, and Counseling both have displays and posters for all cultural enrichment focuses all year around. Can TRiO, the Student Center, be added? Mathew will follow up with the Student Center. Andrea can keep up the displays at TRiO. Discussion on adding Language Speakers to displays, and identifying those on staff who are fluent in other languages.**

· La Fiesta (Vanessa) – *October 5th. “Volunteers” needed. Iveth Moreno volunteered. “Volunteers” are paid, and time to be worked out with departments (i.e: flexing time). Anyone interested in being a vendor needs to get an application in ASAP. Vanessa needs people to help put up posters in the wider community. Lots of us took posters.*

· Mi-Wuk site and interpretive trail (Brandon) – *Brandon has agreed to stay on the committee as a community member, working on the project.*

5. What else do you want to see this semester? During spring goal setting we identified:

· More student engagement – *reach out and invite students to attend and be part of the committee*

· Events (speakers, field trips, theater/dance, healing activities) – *add Nowruz, Persian New Year March 21, 2025. Work on incorporating CE into Weeks of Welcome (WOW) and any events already planned. For example, on October 17th, from 3 pm-5 pm, Chicken Ranch will present on Human Trafficking in Dogwood Theatre. Lindsay will get MJC events on our radar and vice-versa. Adrienne and Lindsay to reach out to housing staff and students to invite them on the committee and to incorporate CE into Dorm events and ASCC events (like the movie nights).*

· More food – *Check! Our first meeting featured roll-up sandwiches, with cultural origins in ancient Jewish culture where Hillel the Elder used leftover Passover matza, pascal lamb, and bitter herbs.*

· More displays on campus – *see above adding the AAC and TRiO to spots on campus where displays can be kept up.*

· * *Emily suggested we have a display list of languages spoken here showing the names of staff and the languages they speak. Aneka pointed out that there's a Language List that Mike Igoe has charge of and Emily will follow up with him. Aqil mentioned he is willing to be identified and that he speaks 4 languages.*

· *Adrienne announced our receipt of \$25,000 in one-time funds and the budget being set up. Some discussion: Vanessa suggested a campus-wide activity like the Accreditation Jeopardy, like a cultural trivia with prizes. Guest speakers, presentations*

6. Cultural food for the next meeting – *Andrea volunteered*

Coming up:

La Fiesta 10/5/24

CEC meeting 10/8 11:30-12:30 IN BUCKEYE 104

October 17th 3-5pm Human Trafficking Educational Workshop @ Columbia Dogwood Theater