

## **UNC Charlotte Hispanic/Latino Faculty and Staff Caucus**

February 12, 2013

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Denny 119

Minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (minutes by Jennifer Betancur and Benny Andres)

11 people in attendance

### **I. Introductions**

### **II. Proposed Constitution**

- Changes made after first draft was emailed to listserv per comments by members. Specific changes made to: gender and diversity, members and affiliate members, and article VI was removed so no preference to use Robert's Rules of Order.
- Voting on Constitution will be electronically. An option to vote is "survey share." Voting open from February 26 - March 5 and votes should be sent directly to Benny Andres, bandres@uncc.edu), as per Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution. This arrangement is somewhat awkward because this proposed organization does not have a secretary and Benny is a candidate for that office.
- The revised constitution will be posted to the listserv by Dan Rabinovich.

### **III. Officers**

Officers elected this semester will serve the remainder of this semester and continue for one academic year. Nominations are extended one more week. Current nominations:

1. President: Yvette Huet
2. Vice-President: Dan Rabinovich
3. Secretary: Benny Andres
4. Treasurer: Belma Blanco

### **IV. Dues**

\$20 per year or \$10 per semester.

### **V. Financial Accounting**

The organization will open a financial account.

### **VI. Discussion of Guest Speakers for Spring semester and funding**

- Target time period: mid-April
- Potential guests:
  - Suzanne Ortega, VP for Academic Affairs of UNC System from Chapel Hill General Admission hosting an event March 9. Last day to hold an event is April 30.

- Mr. Vega from UNC Wilmington. He represents the General UNC Hispanic Group, initiated by NC State ADVANCE Fellows). The group meets once a year.
- Applying for Chancellor's Diversity Grant
  - \$5,000 large grant from the Chancellor's office must be used by March 18.
  - \$1,000 maximum mini-grant from the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund must be used by June 15 (see UNCC website "Diversity Mini Grants").
    - Federal money can pay for transportation and hotel but NOT food.

## VII. Upcoming Events

- April 28 - Latino Graduation
- March 9 - Begins 8am. Leadership in Multicultural workplace. \$24 registration fee. Speaker and published author.

## VIII. Announcements

1. Latino Information Session (after SOAR).

2. Jennifer Betancur, Multicultural Academic Services Graduate Assistant, planning three Latina/o Informational Sessions during SOAR Dates (first summer session) to target Spanish-speaking students and families. To invite parents to campus and orientation. Spanish-speaking volunteers needed. Presentations (repeated every 30 minutes or 1 hour) will run for up to three hours. Interested in helping contact [jbetancu@uncc.edu](mailto:jbetancu@uncc.edu). Jennifer will post flyer on listserv.

3. Erika Edward reports a new Hispanic Scholarship co-sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences and LAWA, a Latina/o community organization for UNCC students.

- a. Scholarship targeting high achieving high school Juniors and Seniors.
- b. \$3,500 and continuous up to four years.
- c. First award in Fall 2013.

4. AVID Day at UNCC, sponsored by Multicultural Academic Services. "AVID a federally funded program that helps diverse middle and high school students plan and prepare for college." Multicultural Academic Services, co-sponsorship with other university departments, hosting 3rd Annual AVID Day at UNCC March 5, 2013. In the past, several Latino student leaders participated.

- "AVID Day at UNCC," hundreds middle school students Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools visit UNCC.
- Activities include presentations, student panels, a campus tour and this year a baseball game.
- AVID planning committee needs recruiters, contact Jennifer Betancur at [jbetancu@uncc.edu](mailto:jbetancu@uncc.edu) or Belma Blanco at [bblanco@uncc.edu](mailto:bblanco@uncc.edu)

5. To join LATINOFS listserv type [LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UNCC.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UNCC.EDU). If you wish to be added, or know anyone who may, please contact Benny at [bandres@uncc.edu](mailto:bandres@uncc.edu).

6. Next meeting after Spring Break.