

UNC Charlotte Hispanic/Latino Faculty and Staff Caucus

November 11, 2013

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Minutes 5th meeting (taken by Secretary Benny Andres)

9 people in attendance.

I. Goals/plans for Fall 2013

- President Yvette Huet will ask an intern at College of Informatics help develop website. Unclear if website must be off campus because we are a group.
- Next meeting will be in December.
- Discussion about date of our fall potluck. Either Friday December 6 or 13.
- Dues for 2013-2014 is \$10 and can be paid at our next meeting.
- Treasurer Belma Blanco & Jennifer Betancur looking into opening BB&T bank account.

II. Goals for Spring 2014

Discussion about recruiting a sponsor for an annual Spring Hispanic/Latino lecture series

- Discussion about recruiting a financial sponsor. One idea was looking into a Latino businessman in Fort Mill who donated money for Latino college student scholarships. Golden Door Foundation provides scholarships for undocumented immigrants.
- Suggestion to form a committee; ask Carlos Mendez Assistant Director for Latino Student Services to partner with us.
- Suggestion to ask Carlos ----- at the University of Arizona as a speaker.
- Vice President Dan Rabinovich noted efforts to create a chapter of SACNAS (college organization advancing Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) at UNCC in the Spring. SACNAS chapter at North Carolina State. See <https://sacnas.org/>.

III. Latin American Studies Program undergraduate and graduate recruitment

- Jurgen Buchenau, graduate director of Latin American Studies Program, explained the program: minor, major in LTAM and MA in LTAM, an interdisciplinary program. Carlos Coria-Sanchez is the LTAM undergraduate director. Jurgen asked the Caucus to spread the word to respective units; asked for recruitment suggestions.

IV. Update on 3rd Annual UNC Hispanic/Latino Faculty Forum

- Discussion and resolution of forum date: Friday/Saturday September 12 - 13, 2014.
- Forum during Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15.
- For more info. see <http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>.
- Caucus should establish planning committee & contact Appalachian State University to join the planning (it is host in 2015). Committee will ask Provost for financial support.