

## **Mihaela Metianu**

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**From:** Mihaela Metianu  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2009 3:51 PM  
**To:** Eileen Viera  
**Cc:** Ingrid Jones; 'Rozalia Williams'  
**Subject:** FW: Advisory Committees

Here is the information you needed about advisory committees.

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Committee Name: International and Multicultural Student Advisory Council (IMSAC) – to reflect both international and multicultural aspects of this advisory group.

The purpose of the advisory group is to:

- 1) Develop multicultural programs and diversity initiatives that involve students in event selection, planning, and participation.
- 2) Advocate for university-wide student services to meet the needs and promote the interests of diverse students on campus.
- 3) Make recommendations to improve the quality of services offered through the Offices of Multicultural Affairs and International Student/Scholar Services.

Service Commitment will be at least one academic year, two to three meetings per semester.

**Members:**

Dr. Mihaela Metianu and Dr. Rozalia Williams/Ingrid Jones – Student Affairs

Greg Gayle – staff member, Graduate College

Dr. Arthur Evans – Faculty member

Students: Karla Bowsher, Elizabeth Swanner, Caitlin Asprinio, Peter Fernandez, Melinda Baugh, Ameer Tohamy, Hailey Laquis, Alvaro Fay, Chris Scott

**Action items:**

Contact faculty members for participation

Establish first meeting for fall

Develop by-laws

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**Cc:** Mihaela Metianu; 'Rozalia Williams'; Ingrid Jones; Dawn Wooten  
**Subject:** Student Advisory Committee on Multicultural/International Programs and Services

Dear Multicultural Organization Leaders:

We would like to meet with you briefly during your next meeting on March 19, 2009 to discuss the possibility of forming a Student Advisory Council for Multicultural Programs and Diversity Initiatives. The purpose of this Student Advisory Council is to include the student perspective and to advise our offices on the following:

- (1) Develop multicultural programs and diversity initiatives that involve students in event selection, planning, and participation
- (2) Advocate for university-wide student services to meet the needs and promote the interests of diverse students on campus
- (3) Make recommendations to improve the quality of services offered through the Offices of International Student and Scholar Services and Multicultural Affairs

We would like to invite you, the student leaders of the multicultural student organizations on campus, to help us identify 7-10 students who would be willing to serve on this Student Advisory Council.

In addition, we will share with you the upcoming plans for the Festival of Nations, which is scheduled on April 14, with the hope that you will choose to participate in the planning of this event.

We will need about 15 minutes to share these ideas with you. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday and to share more details about these initiatives. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Mihaela Metianu or Dr. Rozalia Williams.

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International and Multicultural Student Advisory Committee  
Fall 2009 – Meeting 1 Summary  
October 12, 2009  
10:00 am to 11:00 a.m.

In attendance: Mihaela Metianu (ISSS), Dawn Wooten (ISSS), Ingrid Jones (Multicultural Affairs), Laura Clarke (staff, advisor to Helping International Students), Balmatie Hargobin (student – Nirvana); Dr. Evans (faculty – Sociology); Melinda Baugh (student/Governor – Broward Campuses), Mariama Malumo (student – COSO Multicultural Representative)

Others invited who confirmed interest but could not attend due to time conflicts:  
Students: Hayley Laquis, Chris Scott, Inna Stafeychuk, Michelle Velez, Guillerme Masetti  
Staff to be invited: representatives of Graduate College and Office of International Programs

After introductions, Mihaela explained that the idea for this advisory committee came from the staff leadership in student affairs (Dr. Brown and Dr. King) who asked two departments – ISSS and OMA to work more closely together in facilitating student-led programming with a focus on international, multicultural and diversity aspects. Mihaela opened the floor for discussion on possible ideas for actions and activities should be the focus of this committee:

Mariama: multicultural clubs should avail themselves of resources available within COSO to make the best possible use of limited funds available to student clubs. Weekend and evening event planning is a good way to obtain resources since there are additional funds designated for this type of programming.

Suggested programs: Students enjoy programs highlighting specific cultures through music, dance and cuisine.

Mihaela: events celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King are a good way to include multicultural and international groups as his message of peace of unity is universal;  
Suggested programs: a peace walk across campus

Melinda: remember to share ideas with the partner campuses so that they can not only participate in Boca but also organize programs celebrating similar events but tailored to the resources and needs of students on those partner campuses. For example, weekend programs do not appeal to commuter students in Broward.

Dr. Evans: shared his experience as an undergraduate and graduate student moving from Maryland to Kansas. He appreciated faculty members who took an interest in him and helped him to have a home away home – almost like a “surrogate” family. He would like to see this type of atmosphere at FAU.

Mihaela, Dawn and Dr. Evans discussed the possibility of creating a host program in which staff, faculty, and 'friends' of FAU can act as host/friend to international students. Ingrid explained that a host family program existed through the Boca Community Church. The liaison we used to have left, but it would be worth getting in touch with the church to see if anyone else may be interested in resuming these programs. Ingrid suggested using HR announcements to invite faculty to join as international student hosts. Dr. Evans also suggested starting with a small group of interested individuals who would then invite others to join in.

Suggested programs: begin/revive an international host program

Mihaela discussed international education week (IEW) and suggested that student groups sponsor a thanksgiving meal as a transition from IEW to Thanksgiving Week. Melinda also suggested an international potluck, but Mariama mentioned that in Boca there are some difficulties due to the presence of Chartwells.

Suggested programs: Melinda will look into hosting an international potluck in Davie. Mihaela/Mariama will discuss with other multicultural clubs the possibility of funding an international thanksgiving meal on Friday, November 20.

Other ideas about starting a lending closet and future plans were briefly discussed.

Dr. Evans recommended that we begin to focus the future work of this committee in a few specific directions instead of spreading to wide and too thin. Mihaela summarized the focus of the committee as follows:

- (1) Coordinate programming efforts of multicultural clubs
- (2) Create a welcoming campus atmosphere for international and other diverse students on campus
- (3) Provide feedback on departmental services and resources for ISSS and Multicultural Affairs

The following items were brought up, but without significant discussion: establishing the student advisory committee under Student Government (similar to the Campus Recreation Advisory Board), and uniting forces for the Festival of Nations (coming up in spring).

A second meeting this fall will be called. There is substantial participatory interest, but finding common meeting times will be a challenge. As a group, we will use meetings as well as alternative means of communication via email, meeting minutes, etc.

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**Subject:** Intl/Multicultural Advisory Committee -- meeting summary.  
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On behalf of Ingrid Jones and myself, thanks to those who expressed interest in participating, attended the meeting, and/or shared ideas with me via email. Our first meeting on October 12 generated a wealth of ideas and some great action items for this committee to undertake.

Ingrid and I will work on finding a better time for our next meeting to be held in November, and we will email you in the next few days with that information.

Attached is a summary of our meeting discussion. We look forward to working with all of you!

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