

Commission on Campus Diversity
University of Massachusetts Amherst
February 3, 2005
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Public Forum
Campus Center Auditorium

Welcome to the Public Forum on Campus Diversity

As Chairman of the Commission on Campus Diversity, and on behalf of all the other Commission members who are here with me, I extend a warm welcome to this afternoon's attendees. At today's public forum we will listen to campus voices who have registered in advance to address the Commission because we believe each presenter can provide important context and valuable insight into our work for the university. We believe that it is vital not only that we hear these voices, but that we make the various points of view a central part of our deliberations. We appreciate the time and commitment each presenter has given to today's public forum. The Commission members are gratified by the outpouring of interest within the UMass Amherst community on the subject of diversity. Indeed, so many had responded that the Commission is holding this, the second forum to accommodate those that did not get time at the December forum.

Presenters are limited to a total of five (5) minutes; this includes both the presentation and questions from Commission members. Because of the limited time allotted to each presenter, we ask that everyone observe the following protocol:

- 1) Each presenter will be provided a total of five (5) minutes; this includes both the presentation and follow-up questions from Commission members. Specifically, presenters are advised to introduce themselves, make a three (3) minute statement and allow two (2) minutes for questions from the Commission. If the Commission does not have questions, the presenter will have two (2) minutes for a closing statement. Because of time constraints, under no circumstances will a presenter be allowed to go beyond the total of five (5) minutes.
- 2) Questions to presenters will be from Commission members only.
- 3) Dr. James Leheny, Associate Chancellor, will serve as parliamentarian to monitor the presenter's time and facilitate the evening's presentations and protocol.
- 4) The Commission requests that conversations in the audience be kept to a whisper so as not to disrupt the presentations.
- 5) Clapping and cheering and other forms of expression during presentations are discouraged; the Commission believes it is disruptive to the presenter and limits the time allotted for the presentation.
- 6) **Please turn off all cell phones.**

- 7) Admittance is limited to the number of seats available. All attendees must be seated. No standing is allowed.
- 8) Attendees arriving after 4:00 p.m. will be directed to open seating areas **ONLY** between presentations.

Please note that the full proceedings from this afternoon's forum are being video recorded for later analysis and further review by Commission members.

The Commission on Campus Diversity thanks you in advance for your courtesy and understanding. We encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.umass.edu/campusdiversity/> for further information and further correspondence with us.

Orlando Taylor
Commission Chair