

**Status of Minorities Council Meeting – March 5, 2007**  
**1PM – 2PM Arnold House 321**

**In attendance:** Laura Lovett (acting chair for this meeting), Andrew Effrat, Anne L. Moore, Joan Roche, Mike Gargano, Riki Hing, Ron Welburn, & Jacqueline Pinn

**Excused:** Mari Castaneda

**Topic: Minutes from December 4, 2006 & Minutes from Feb 5, 2007**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Topic: Jacqueline Pinn: Report on Assessment of the Services and Programs for ALANA Students:**

Jacqueline Pinn, the Interim Director of the Office of Programs and Services for ALANA Students presented information on her assessment of the state of the campus services for ALANA students through this office. Her recommendations will be completed by March 15, and she projected that they will be available for public dissemination as early as mid April. Jacqueline described the umbrella organization – the Office of Programs & Services for ALANA Students (OPSAS). There are currently three arms. They are all currently state funded.

<p>Former Office of ALANA Affairs ⇒ SGA          This was student funded until 3 years ago</p>	<p>Success Centers &amp; the Associated Cultural Centers (4 different sites):          CCEBMS          NASS          BCP          UALRC</p>	<p>WCLN (part of Everywoman's Center)</p>
	<p>These programs offer a broad range of counseling and support to their members</p>	<p>Focus on personal development of women of color</p>

Jacqueline will be submitting her report on the status of these programs with recommendations based on her assessment. These recommendations may include some economies of scale, and opportunities for increased visibility, and dissemination of awareness to students.

University of Pennsylvania has a noteworthy program that addresses access, LRC on essentials at a high level in a centralized model

Mike Gargano commented that Student Affairs supplements Academic Affairs. The Freshman Year Experience Program captures systematically the overview of the educational experience including academic advisement, course registration and monitoring & check ins with the students. The learning commons has been very successful and even oversubscribed – some of their elements may be in the recommendations.

We also touched on student parents, veterans and other groups having specific needs in order to be successful in the academic environment.

**Other business/Announcements:**

Since we did not discuss a list of potential presenters for the next two meetings, Laura will e-mail the membership for suggestions for the April & May meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Next meeting: Monday April 2, in Arnold 321.

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