

Minutes – World AIDS Week Committee
9 October 2009

Present:

Brandon Hemmings, SSW/Multicultural & Gender Affairs Committee
Caitrin Kelly, SPH
Laura Kupe, African Students assoc
Amrit Misra, AMSA
Samantha Glass, America Red Cross Club
Jagwon Oh, Results UM
Susan Beckett, Results A2
Chinyere Neale, UHS

Brandon facilitated:

Future meeting dates

Brandon won't be here for 22 October, nor will Carrie. Samantha will facilitate

Semester wrap up meeting: After WAW, we debrief.

1. Introductions
2. Future meeting dates
 - a. October 22
 - b. November 5 (corrected to Thursday)
 - c. November 12 (corrected to Thursday)
 - d. November 19 (corrected Thursday)
 - e. Semester wrap-up meeting date? We decided this is a good idea but people are unable to know their availability for the winter term yet. We agreed it is valuable to debrief and reflect, but feel we should wait till later. Brandon expressed some reasons he thinks people neglect this, but it is valuable.
3. International 2009 Theme: Universal Access and Human Rights
 - i. Local Tagline ideas from previous meeting “Universal Access and Human Rights: everywhere” is unanimously accepted
4. Committee Leadership discussion
 - a. Brandon Hemmings expressed interest co-chairing and was unanimously accepted
5. Budget update/2009 World AIDS Week events – Brandon will e-mail Carrie to see what, if anything, has been done. Brandon also felt he could potentially make some connections to a known speaker at little or no charge.
 - a. Susan can bring Paula Azkugibwe from Africa; she is a TB and HIV/AIDS Activist with ARASA. We could bring her at no cost to this committee. She might be able to speak at a few classes as well as events for the Week. She will be in the country Dec 1 through 6 and her schedule is pretty open right now.

- b. Laura said the African Students Association would love to help host this event. Susan will try to pin down a date and we will work on this as a major event.
 - c. Amrit was thinking about a panel and is contacting people at Med, Pharmacy, etc., to get a broad perspective. Brandon will talk to some profs at SSW to see if any are interested.
 - d. Brandon spoke of doing a showcase of student research on various aspects of HIV/AIDS to show that their work matters. Samantha is a peer advisor at URP, and Brandon knows of a few courses that are highly relevant as well.
 - e. Music Event – Chinyere needs to get busy on it Caitrin suggested it might be nice to combine the candlelight vigil idea.
 - f. Laura wanted to do a dance event called “Fusion of Cultures Dance” with music from various genres and cultures to raise money for an AIDS orphanage abroad
 - g. We need to have everyone come to the 22 October meeting with a fairly concrete idea of their programs so we can begin the publicity process.
6. Benefits of coordinating with World AIDS Week committee
7. Publicity
- a. T-shirts, \$8
 - b. Graphics person – looking for someone. Brandon will also check around.
 - c. Website person – Brandon will check with a friend at the School of Information about possibly designing a website for this year.
 - d. Most student orgs in the room have facebook pages, so WAW needs to set up a facebook page (versus an event) that people can follow with updates.
 - e. We will also all look into blogs at the various schools where members of the committee are affiliated.
8. Other awareness days:
- a. National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, 10/15
 - i. Susan announced a “stand up against poverty” event in connection with this date. They will connect with Dr. Paul Farmer via video conference, and Susan can submit written questions in advance. Oct 17, 1:30 p.m., Palmer Commons Forum Hall. Susan will e-mail fliers. Caitrin asked if it will be recorded since it’s Fall Break weekend. It will be videotaped for upload to the web.
 - ii. WIHAN/U-M Dearborn event noted, and Amrit may contact them for potential panelists for the AMSA event during WAW.
 - b. National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, 2/7/2010
 - i. American Red Cross will be doing a conference in February, and she is looking to see what works at WAW. She will also give blood drive dates at next meeting.
9. Who to invite for next meeting
- a. It was suggested we brainstorm groups to invite to the next meeting
 - b. Brandon suggested we set up a Google doc to send out to all members to brainstorm this list.
 - c. Email SEVAHcore@umich.edu

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22, 2009, 6:00 PM
11. TO DO for next meeting: Bring or e-mail those people who should be invited to this group. Brandon will set up a google-doc. Chinyere will try to contact black Greek orgs.
12. Announcements