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Minutes – Multicultural & Diversity Roundtable – Mtg. 12/6/12 @GC

Present: Ben Franz (MEC); Tess Tobin (Citytech); Scott Sheidlower (YC); Amy Ballmer (GC); Jennifer Tang (Hostos); Frans Albarillo (BC)

- I. Meeting called to order: 3:15 PM
- II. Introductions: Tess Tobin (Citytech; ttobin@citytech.cuny.edu) and Frans Albarillo (BC; falbarillo@brooklyn.cuny.edu) are elected co-chairs.
- III. History of Roundtable: In 2003 the LACUNY Institute was on multiculturalism and placed a bibliography on the web related to diverse populations. This roundtable was first started in 2005 by then LACUNY president Kenneth Schlessinger, then of LaGuardia, now at Lehman). Only members of Roundtable who were on it then are Prof. Tobin and Prof. Sheidlower. In September 2012 Professor Tobin went to the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in Kansas City, Missouri. There she met Professor Albarillo and they decided to revive the roundtable. We looked over the old mission statement of the roundtable:

Multicultural is broadly defined to include ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and ability. The purpose of this Roundtable is to enable libraries, library faculty and staff to reach out to diverse populations and

 - Enhance knowledge to work effectively with diverse populations through programs, workshops, and discussion forums
 - Increase library resources and services to diverse communities within CUNY
 - Promote recruitment and retention of underrepresented diverse populations into the library profession
- IV. Decide on meeting dates, times, place, etc.: next mtg. Feb. 7; 2-3:30-TBA. We decided to meet every two months.
- V. Should we create a CUNY Academic Commons page: Professor Albarillo will create such a page.

VI. Joint Conference of Librarians of Color experience: The conference had a program about ClimateQUAL, a tool for measuring diversity on a campus. The 2012 ACRL diversity standards were also presented at the conference.

VII. Other business: ACRL also has a set of diversity standards. There is a short six-minute video clip of those standards (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhBD-e5QZVQ>)

There is a CUNY-wide diversity grant

(<http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/ohrm/diversity/Retention/DPDF.html>).

We want to reach out to the Jr. Faculty Research Roundtable, the Professional Development roundtable, and the disability services roundtable. It was suggested that multiculturalism and diversity might be a good topic for the LACUNY Dialogues.

Action steps: Everyone is to try and think of programs we could create to be discussed at the next meeting.

VIII. Meeting adjourned: 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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