

Juntura Meeting, Jan 12, 2012, 3pm.

Those in attendance: Jamie Nekich (chair), Rochelle Smith, Liz Morin, Jerry Galloway, Heather Maib, Nindo, Caleb; Sehgal, Radhika. It was noted that two voting members have resigned from the committee due to schedule conflicts: Javier Garcia and Denise Carl. We had a voting quorum with 5 of 9 voting members present, though 2 of the 9 positions are currently vacant.

Agenda for the meeting was to 1) review progress on the proposed merger with AADA, 2) decide on the focus for Juntura for the upcoming semester.

Discussion of possible merger: The proposed merger has been presented to the Committee on Committees and they have indicated support for the merger. It is expected that Juntura will morph into a new committee structure very much in accordance with the proposal sent forward in November and that it will be formally approved sometime mid semester 2012.

Brainstorming Goals for Spring 2012:

Four main directions emerged for possible work for the committee for Spring 2012:

- 1) our committee with most likely change and become Ubuntu as we proposed last fall. We may want to create a brochure to announce the changes and make the campus aware of our work. Jerry Galloway provided a copy of a very old brochure for Juntura and we might consider revising and updating that for the introduction of Ubuntu.
- 2) We want to follow up on our meeting with Hoey Graham, Senior Associate General Counsel from University of Idaho Office of General Counsel, in which domestic partner benefits were discussed. Does Juntura want to draft a letter of support to the Faculty Council and President regarding this issue?
- 3) Does Juntura want to have input into the selection of Freshman Common Read for Academic year 2012-13?
- 4) In the past we have considered the idea of sponsoring or co-sponsoring an educational series and/ or invited speaker to campus. Is this something we would like to discuss further?

The group feels strongly that accomplishing meaningful work was vital to energizing the Juntura/ Ubuntu committee. A fruitful discussion of our direction emerged. It was noted that as a small committee with limited time for work and limited funds, our options for contribution to the campus are constrained. Even so there was a desire to be productive and the group felt that a subcommittee structure would allow for the work to proceed more efficiently.

It was decided for Spring 2012 we would form three subcommittees and each would focus on accomplishing specific goals. We will have

- a 'Media' subcommittee who will create a web presence for Juntura/ Ubuntu and work on creating a simple brochure that can be included in Freshmen packets and other relevant places. Heather Maib agree to act as chair for this subcommittee.
- a 'Common Read' subcommittee who will explore the most effective avenues for having input into the Common Read selection and educational process to assure aims of inclusion are considered. Rochelle Smith agreed to act as chair for this subcommittee.
- a 'Domestic Partners' subcommittee will draft a letter to the President and to the Faculty Senate from Juntura outlining our position on pursuing an equitable policy for the campus community. The group felt that Heather Gasser (who was not in attendance at the meeting due to a work conflict) would be the most suitable chair for this subcommittee.

Subcommittees will report back to the larger group during our monthly meetings about progress and any need for additional support. Each member on the committee will join one of the subcommittees.

We decided also that we would keep active the idea of hosting/ co-hosting an educational event but aim for implementing that agenda in the coming academic year to allow time for exploring viable options for accomplishing this. The group feels it is important to engage proactively in the campus community rather than responding only in reaction to events that arise across campus.

It was noted by Jamie Nekich, chair, that Juntura needed to send a representative to sit on the admissions committee. Nekich served this role during Fall 2011. Lethia Bottello (via e-mail communication) agreed to take this role for Spring 2012.

The committee adjourned at 4pm.