Meeting Title: Latina/o Strategies Group April Meeting

Date: 4/5/2017

Attendees:

* Sam Matta, Assistant Director at the Career center
* Dulce Castro, Academic Advisor at the Office of Academic Advising
* Gordon Hall, CoDAC
* David Woken, History of Latin American Studies Librarian
* Karla Perez-Young, Academic Adviser at CMAE
* Rosa Chavez, CMAE
* Perla Alvarez, CMAE and Multicultural Center
* Nora Fandino, SSS/TLC
* Carina Garcia
* Makaela Kroin, Oregon Folklife Network
* Michelle Garibay, Office of Financial Aid
* Heather Quarles, Romance languages/ United Academics Office
* Angel Dorantes, Education Studies
* Cecilia Valdovinos, CLLAS
* Claudia Holguin, Spanish Heritage Language Program/ Romance Languages

Notes:

1. *Announcements:*
   1. Sam Matta:
      1. The Career fair week is the first week of May. It will be after hours at 5:30pm and it is the last big fair of the year. Excited about the keynote speaker. Will send more information as time get closer.
   2. Carina Garcia:
      1. Raza Unida Youth Conference
         1. They have enough workshops. Thanks to those who submitted workshops.
         2. RUYC needs volunteers. There will be a training for volunteers. People will be going around to SHL classes to announce RUYC and the opportunity to volunteer. If professors are interested, let Carina know.
         3. Please contact Julia I Martinez-Plancarte [jmarti13@uoregon.edu](mailto:jmarti13@uoregon.edu) if you would like to sign up to volunteer. (The form is now closed)
   3. Perla
      1. Coalition Against Environmental Racism 23rd Annual Conference featuring Robert Bullard. The focus of the conference is water due to the struggles in the country. Saturday April 8th, 9AM-7:00PM. Free breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.
   4. Rosa Chavez:
      1. PDACC is looking for LSG members to present during one of their meetings.
   5. David Woken
      1. Cesar Chavez exhibit is currently up. Students selected the material.
   6. Angel Dorantes
      1. Reminder that there is a PSU campus visit on April 13th. There are 5 people signed up: Luz, Audrey, Karla, Arturo, Sam and Angel. They have a finalized agenda and it is going to be a long day.
   7. Cecilia
      1. The Latino Roots Celebration at the Special Collections will be June 8th at 4:00PM- 6:00PM. Students will showcase their projects.
   8. Claudia Holguin
      1. The Webpage for the LSG is in process. People developing the website need pictures. We can have pictures taken next meeting.
   9. Karla Perez Young
      1. UO Mujeres is bringing Denise Fromehan. The event will be in Straub Hall at 7:30PM.
      2. Nominate someone for the PATOS Awards, which will be given during Raza Unida Youth Conference: <https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5pA365A0ILjrV4N>
      3. PATOS Primavera Pachanga will be June 9th 5-8:30 PM and there will be a baile.
   10. Oregon Folk Life also have exhibit cases. They are doing an event in July with musical Latino groups in the Gorge.
   11. Miracle Theater will be here April 14th for the Latinx America Studies conference that they are putting together. The play is *Payaso* and you can get tickets at the EMU.
   12. Dr. Lauro Flores will visit the U of O on May 20th. He will be talking about Mexican and Chicano artists in the Pacific Northwest.
   13. Latino Heritage Month Exhibit
       1. The Library has changed their policies, which includes a formal process to apply for an exhibit. This is due April 10th should we try to do an exhibit during Latino Heritage month? –David would work on the submission form.
       2. The dates would be Sept 15th-Oct 31st or Nov 5th
       3. Possible Themes:
          1. Research that people have done
          2. Creative writings by Latinx students
          3. Oregon Latino history
          4. Arts and Literature in the PNW
          5. Work that people do on campus
          6. 60s and the Chicano Movement
          7. UO Alumni who are involved in different things across Oregon
          8. Latino Roots Materials
   14. PDACC Meeting
       1. The President’s Diversity Advisory Committee Council will meet April 21st and they are looking for representatives from Strategies Groups to update them on the work we have been doing.
       2. There will be a break out session at 1:30-3:30pm
       3. We need to clarify and follow up with Sari if we are only presenting during the work session or if we are bringing reps from each committee to participate in the breakout sessions.
       4. Rosa can do the PDACC presentation, which she can do and share it with the people who are attending.
       5. Send Rosa a slide about the research-Portland visit and OSU visit
2. *Structure and Organization*
   1. Communications
      1. We need a person who reads and responds to emails. ([uolsg@uoregon.edu](mailto:uolsg@uoregon.edu)) The email will go live when the webpage goes live
      2. Lorena, Sam and Karla
   2. Committees
      * Culture and Events
        + Cheryl, David, Kelley
        + Description: *The LSG* ***Cultural Events/ Programming sub-committee*** *is tasked with liaising with the staff in the Division of Equity and Inclusion that are responsible for organizing Latinx Heritage Month with the goal to help support and promote the month’s events as well as any other relevant events throughout the academic year.*
      * Student Support
        + Rosa, Nora, Karla, Dulce Michelle
      * Research on student support
        + Audrey, Angel, Claudia
      * Faculty and staff support
        + Heather, David
        + Description: *The* ***LSG Faculty/Staff Support & Retention Sub-committee*** *aims to keep present the initial goals of LSG to increase support and retention of current latinx faculty and staff. In our first (two and a half?) years as a strategy group we have observed that our tendency is to focus on student support and retention issues and have let this other goal fall by the wayside. This new committee hopes to make space for supporting our latinx faculty and staff group members and our colleagues at the University*
      * We need to send out an email for people to sign up for the committees. We should include the descriptions in the qualtrics.
   3. Translation
      1. There was an issue brought up in January about translation
      2. It is an issue that keeps popping up
      3. We need to come up with some kind of action plan- The UO Administration need a translation policy. The UO admin and faculty need to be educated about what it takes to translates documents.
      4. Suggestions: Centralize the support system. Look at IT policies, which can be parallel for translation. Reach out to Human Resources and the Union and inquire about employees’ rights when translation is not included in the job description. Look into other institutions and see what they have done
      5. Action: if you have contacts in other institutions please ask them. Kelley has a template.

Action Items:

* Have our pictures taken at the next meeting (for the website).
* Nominate someone for the PATOS Awards, which will be given during Raza Unida Youth Conference: <https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5pA365A0ILjrV4N>

PDACC:

* Rosa will create a slide for PDACC and she will share with those who are attending
* Research committee: send Rosa a slide about the research-Portland visit and OSU visit for the PDACC presentation

Committees:

* Send Perla your descriptions to include in the minutes.

Translation:

* Kelley will send out template so that other people can forward to their contacts