Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity
Advisory Board Minutes
March 30, 2012

Dr. Ochwa-Echel presided over the meeting.
Members present: James Ochwa-Echel, Mukti Upadhyay, Krishna Thomas, Chris Mitchell, Jeannie Ludlow, Catherine Polydore, Robin Murray, Dagni Bredesen, Pam Ortega,

I. Welcome
Dr. Ochwa-Echel called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.

II. Approval of February 24, 2012 minutes
Under Grants, submission for Faculty Travel Grant deadline should be April, 11, 2012. Under other items, correct spelling for Klehm Hall. The reception for TARIM is on April 3, in Doudna Fine Arts Center for Asian Heritage month. Dagni Bredesen motioned to approve, Jeannie Ludlow seconded, motion passed.

III. Committee Reports

1. Speaker
James Ochwa-Echel mentioned Robert Neuwirth was here on Wednesday. Dagni mentioned if in the future, perhaps to invite Union members. Krishna Thomas mentioned moving up the date in the semester for the speaker series. Dagni mentioned coordinating the speaker series with the symposium, possibly in the fall. Dagni would like another ICGD meeting, Thursday, April 26, 2012, Room 2116, Blair Hall, 9:00 am.

2. Grants
James mentioned there are six applications, one confirmed student application, some may want to submit this week. The committee is meeting on April 15th to decide allocations. There will still be a symposium in the fall. Dagni would like to know how to make the symposium a more vital experience. James stated that we could not organize a conference for this year.

3. Cultural/Educational Program
Jeannie met with Dan Crews, has grid for Celebrations. There are two groups not yet secured, but are hopeful. James will contact East St. Louis group for African Drumming. Salaam from Bloomington, Indiana; Student dancers, Japanese Tea Ceremony, Japanese drumming group. James mentioned the need to start working on the contracts. Everyone else is tentative but not yet confirmed. Jeannie stated Dan Crews will provide the names and James stated that Africana Studies will do the contracts. Dagni mentioned Robert Neuwirth was not
included on CAH list of events and sent a message to Dan Crews but received no reply. James stated Dan Crews was notified that Robert Neuwirth would present; Dagni will pursue this matter.

4. Symposium
James stated Jose Deustua-Carvallo resigned as LAS coordinator; Dr. Vanesa Landrus is the new coordinator of LASP. James will meet with Dr. Landrus to familiarize with the committee. Catherine Polydore is unofficially on the symposium committee. Connie Clarkson to email Vanesa with Jeannie and Catherine names to help with symposium. Krishna will be able to help with logistics. Dagni suggested round table discussions, two tables, could also have targeted papers for the theme; possibly this fall. There should still be a round table rather than full length papers for the symposium, whether or not there is a conference. Jeannie, there could also be a student round table.

IV. Other Items
A round table discussion was held on disability issues.

V. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 9:56 am
Connie Clarkson, Recorder

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
April 26, 2012, 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Blair Hall 2116