

SAH Diversity Committee

February 6, 2002

- Present:** Katherine Froehlich
Dawn O'Brien
Marcie Swift
- Absent:** Sheila Hammonds
Sandy Johnston
- Call to Order:** Katherine Froehlich called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

HPPI Initiative

The Career Day at KU Medical Center for Banneker Elementary students was cancelled due to the snow day on January 30, 2002. Katherine will talk with Nedra Bonds at HPPI about the possibility of rescheduling this event.

Two SAH representatives are will judge at the JS Chick Elementary Science Fair on Friday, February 8, 2002 (Katherine Froehlich [OT Ed] and Kaveri Chaudhary [OT Ed, graduate student]).

We have created a document which lists activities that the committee was able to the HPPI with this academic year (see attached table). Thus far, the SAH Diversity Committee sent representatives to attend and present at 10 events across the Kansas City metro area.

Scholarship Information

Discussed compiling the final materials into a resource booklet and issues related to formatting the booklet. All members will type up specific information from each of their contact organizations and submit the document to Katherine by February 20, 2002. The committee will review this draft document at the March 2002 meeting. A number of strategies for disseminating the resource to faculty, staff, and potential students were discussed, including printing booklets and providing them to each department as well as loading a PDF file with links to scholarship websites on the SAH website. Katherine will talk with Moffett and Lou Loescher-Junge about this before the next meeting.

Maintenance of information of interest to the committee

Katherine requested all members bring information to meetings that are relevant to issues of diversity so that we can be informed about ongoing

opportunities. This will facilitate providing opportunities to inform SAH faculty and staff or the larger KU Med community about local initiatives.

NEW BUSINESS

Identification of Federal Monies Available

Katherine indicated there are currently NIH monies available to NIH funded researchers to hire minority undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral level students. The committee discussed compiling this information into a packet to disseminate to SAH researchers. The notion of identifying contact people who would be willing to assist researchers in applying for these funds was also discussed. Members will ask around their departments to find out if others have already applied for funds and could serve in this capacity. Locating information about other federal monies available to support minority students was also discussed. Katherine will bring more materials to the next meeting.

Symposium on the Recruitment and Retention of Minorities (April 28-30, 2002 at Embassy Suites KCI)

Members discussed whether we should have representation by the SAH Diversity Committee at this event. There is a registration fee of \$150 - \$200 to attend and Katherine will investigate whether the symposium host would be willing to waive it for committee members to attend. If the committee is able to attend, members will meet in May to discuss the content from the symposium and ways to inform the larger SAH community about the strategies for recruiting and retaining students of color. Ideas included creating a brief newsletter and putting a power point presentation together for the SAH faculty meeting. Katherine will also talk with Lou Loescher-Junge about informing all SAH departments about the event to solicit their attendance.

SAH Diversity Committee Involvement with the Health Professions Pipeway Initiative 2001-2002

Activity	Date	Location	Person Involved	Participation
1 TRIO Day Career Fair (Organized by Educational Talent Search w/ Rebecca Dukstein, Director)	December 8, 2001	KU in Lawrence	Jessi Saiter (OT) & Patsy Whitney (PT)	Spoke about careers in specific health fields: OT and PT
2 Business/Education Coalition	January 10, 2002	Cornoado Middle School	Moffett Ferguson (SAH)	Spoke to 8th graders about careers in Health as they decide on their small learning community for HS
3 Business/Education Coalition	January 17, 2002	Northwest Middle School	Jessi Saiter (OT graduate student)	Spoke to 8th graders about careers in Health (specifically OT) as they decide on their small learning community for HS
4 In-Class Health Presentations	January 10, 2002	JS Chick Elementary	Jody Diebold & Nicole Moeller (Dietetics and Nutrition graduate students)	Spoke to the 4th and 5th grade classes about Nutrition/Exercise
5 In-Class Health Presentations	January 17, 2002	JS Chick Elementary	Yvette Harrell, Clinical Instructor, School of Nursing	Spoke to the 4th and 5th grade classes about Vital Signs
6 In-Class Health Presentations	February 7, 2002	JS Chick Elementary	Wendy Hildenbrand, Clinical Instructor, OT Education	Spoke to the 4th and 5th grade classes about Infection Control
7 KU Career Day	January 30, 2002	Banneker Elementary Students	Marcie Swift (PT), Dawn O'Brien (H/S), Sheila Hammonds/Sandy Johnston (HIM), Laura Gardner (OT)	Convened hour-long presentation for 2 groups of students on careers in health professions
8 Science Fair	February 8, 2002	JS Chick Elementary	Katherine Froehlich (OT), Kaveri Chaudhary (OT)	Judging of the science fair projects.
9 Career Exploration	February 19, 2002	De La Salle Education Center	STILL TO BE DETERMINED	
10 Career Exploration	March 12, 2002	De La Salle Education Center	Tana Brown and Keesha Cravens (OT Ed)	Spoke to 9th thru 12th grade classes about careers in Occupational Therapy

