

# Diversity Committee

August 8, 2017

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## MEMBERS

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## MEETING

### Diwali

- **Films:** Links to a few movie licensing companies shared via email. The committee should take a look at available titles to see if we'd like to show any. The committee may also purchase a public performance copy of the documentary series, *The Story of India*, to show to the campus, maybe as a weekly activity with food.
- **Panel presentation:** One possibility is to have groups in Helena that send people to India and region for various projects, maybe tie into HC Lecture Series
- **Other activities:**
  - TRIO TED Talks Thursdays will have relevant themes
  - Deb will contact the Myrna Loy Center as a possible partner

### Native American Heritage

- **Panel presentation:** Laura Ferguson has begun contacting presenters from around the state, many partners coming on board, may need funds for lodging/travel etc. Some possible partners/panelists:
  - Dr. Richard Littlebear, Northern Cheyenne
  - Casey Lozar (Board of Regents) oversees language and culture preservation efforts by state
  - Angela McLean, OCHE
  - Mike Jetty, OPI
  - Northern Cheyenne mobile language app
  - Allen Clubfoot, Tribal Language Project
- **Displays:** Many photos at MHS have been digitized, maybe pursue cost to print
  - Helena Indian Alliance will fill large display case

### I Am Campaign

- Week of Welcome was cancelled, still planning to promote campaign during first week of classes (Aug 28 – Sept 1)

- **Setup area in Student Center:** leave it set up all the time (to take photos any time), with some times being staffed with committee members
  - Balloons to spell out I AM, and others to decorate
  - Tablecloth
  - Chalkboards
  - Backdrop
  - Statement of campaign to distribute/post around campus
  - Take two pictures of student, one with name, one with identity, fill out form
  - Print out submissions as they are received during the weekend post them up around campus (in student center, along halls...)
- **Schedule:** Diversity Committee members and possibly student volunteers, *will send out Doodle poll for people to sign up for times*
  - AP: Tuesday & Thursday (11-1 ish) (Rick will coordinate, check schedule at AP Campus)
  - DON:
    - Monday 11-1, maybe 5-6
    - Tuesday 11-1
    - Wednesday 9-11, maybe 5-6
    - Thursday 9-10, 2-3
    - Friday 10-12
- Plan to have many **sample posters** printed up before the first week of classes
  - Already on board:
    - Jane Baker (Dean)
    - Ryan Loomis (Recruiter)
    - Dalton John (Student, VP of SGA)
    - Quinn Kurokawa (Student, President of SGA)
    - Dagny Cannon (Alumni/Dental Hygienist)
    - Karen Henderson (Faculty/First Gen)
    - Amy Gazy (Student)
  - Samples will highlight the identity of the person (eg: Dagny will be in dental office with "I Am..." written on chart)
  - Hoping to recruit a few more:
    - Veteran (Tammy will find)
  - Students in underrepresented groups (eg: female welder, male nurse, female cosci, AP faculty, group of people – TriO, math)
- **After kick-off week:** online submission
- **Incentive:** Drawing for bookstore gift cards, 5 at \$10 each, look for other donations of swag

## Meeting Schedule for Fall

- Possibly Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, *will send out Doodle poll*