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Twillea Evans-Carthen chairs the meeting.

I. Approval of Minutes from October 1st meeting
   a. Texeira suggests to include clarification that it was a paper vote for the resolution. Moore clarifies that she abstained from the event funding request for the guest lecture with Dr. Yunxiang Yan. Harrington moves to approve minutes with corrections. Texeira seconds. Minutes approved with corrections.

II. Ahlam (from Planning Retreat)
   a. Election vs. appointment of UDC members
   b. Election vs. appointment of UDC subcommittees
   c. Voting procedure

Evans-Carthen suggests that the subcommittee meet and discuss/revisit these topics and at the next meeting be able to present the committee with what they would like to see happen in each of these areas. The subcommittee includes Muhtaseb, Collins, Murillo-Moyeda and Zuniga.

III. Budget Report
Contreras reports that the current budget stands at $39,920.97. She adds that diversity training money has been given to us but we can still allocate funds to the remaining accounts. Hood makes a motion to allocate $10,000 to Conversations on Diversity. Eaton seconds. Motion passed.

Harrington moves to cap event funding at $15,000. Collins seconds. The committee discussions and Harrington amends the motion to cap event funding requests at $19,000. Collins seconds. Motion passed.

IV. Subcommittee Reports
   a. Event Funding Requests
      i. Office of Student Engagement- Straight Outta Compton
         The committee decides to table this request until next quarter. Additional information is still needed regarding this request.

      ii. English Department- Public Reading by Denise Low
         Committee decides to table the public reading event until next meeting pending additional information from the requestor.

   b. Conversations on Diversity
Evans-Carthen reports that the next COD event is Tuesday, October 20th in the SMSU event center. She asks the committee to be there by 11:30 to help with set up. She adds that there will be a lunch after. Bateman asks for those who haven’t yet told her they plan on attending the lunch to inform her now. Evans-Carthen adds that the next subcommittee meeting is on November 17th in SH 126.

c. Diversity Trainers
Evans-Carthen reports that the trainers are planning to have a retreat on December 15th/16th depending on a location. Harrington and Evans-Carthen facilitated a training this past week and adds that if anyone is interested in being a trainer to let her know. Harrington adds that he has received feedback that the materials they use are out of date and if anyone is interested in updating the material they are more than welcome to. Evans-Carthen adds that the next training is November 5th and the trainers will be Tan and Torrez.

d. Faculty Initiative Program
Collins reports that she hasn’t talked to Costino in detail yet but that there is going to be a faculty institute this year that focuses on diversity. Costino is putting it together. Evans-Carthen asks if this is something the members of UDC can attend. Collins says she will find out.

e. UDC Webpage
Tan reports that the most recent training is on website and the resolution was also posted on the website as well.

V. Old Business

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Coyote Chronicle- Charli
Eaton passes around the latest issue of the Coyote Chronicle for the committee to read. She reports that she has always had issues with the Chronicle for its lack of fact checking. She adds that she emailed and spoke to Dr. Morales about an article in this current issue and she wanted to bring it to UDC because she herself has gone to the editors of the Chronicle in the past and the issues weren’t resolved. Jennings suggests to get the Staff Editor, Jim Smart, into one of our meetings to inquire about the lack of fact checking that occurs on many of the diversity issues within the Chronicle. He adds that they should have a charge to raise sensitivity and accountability on campus to not only be committed to affirmation of diversity but the accuracy of publishing some articles. Evans-Carthen suggests we could have Caballero extend an invite to Jim Smart to open the discussion of fact checking on diversity issues, encourage him to advertise our events and increase the attention given to diversity issues in the chronicle.

VII. Announcements
Texeira recommends to the committee to look into a book she recently read called Missoula by Jon Krakauer which is about the crisis in rapes on college campuses. She adds that she would like to look into bringing the author to our campus sometime this year. Evans-Carthen asks her to look into how much he is and they could discuss it at the next meeting.