American Library Association
Committee Information Update

Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to submit an update of their activities within one-month after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter _______

Report for Annual Conference ___X_____

Name of Committee: ALA Council Committee on Diversity

Committee Chair: Ismail Abdullahi

Committee Members Present:

Ismail Abdullahi (chair)
Jade Alburo (member)
Deepa Banerjee (member)
Valerie Bell (member)
Roberto C. Delgadillo (member)
Jody Gray (member)
Julius C. Jefferson Jr. (member)
Magdalena Johnson (member)
Apryl Price (member)
Alexandra Rivera (member)
Courtney Young (Executive Board Liaison)
Latrice Booker (intern)
Christina Wray (intern)

Committee Members Absent:

Xima Avalos (member)
Latasha Baker (member)
Anita Couto (member)
Patrick Jose Dawson (member)
Ellyses Kuan (member)
Antonia Olivas (member)

Others Present:
Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:


The Committee reviewed the minutes of the Diversity Town Hall held on the Friday of Annual Conference.

The Committee reviewed the work of the Diversity Research Grants Advisory Committee, it’s selection of topics for Diversity Research Grants, the selection of recipients of the grant, and the selection of the Achievement in Library Diversity Research Honoree.

The Committee reviewed the work of the Spectrum Advisory Committee, including the work of the Spectrum Presidential Initiative.

The Committee heard reports from the ACRL Racial and Ethnic Diversity Taskforce, AASL Diversity In the Organization Taskforce, and YALSA Diversity Taskforce.

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

The committee will work with ALA Divisions to advocate for the establishment of diversity committees/taskforces within each division.

The Committee will support the recently funded IMLS Grant, Discovering Librarianship, through the Office for Diversity.

The Committee will host another Town Hall Meeting on Diversity at the 2011 Annual Conference as well as several other programs.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:

Submitted by: _____Miguel A. Figueroa, Staff Liaison__________

Date Submitted: _______08/16/10________________________

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