**Academic Senate Ethno-relative Curricular Task Force Committee**

**(Sharon Goldfarb – Sent 9/16/17)**

From: Goldfarb, Sharon

Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2:19 PM

Subject: Re: Request for Faculty Participation: "Academic Senate Ethno-relative Curricular Task Force Committee" 2017-2018 (Immediate Response Requested)

To: Nguyen, Trang, Archuleta, Irsabenda, Townsend, Janice, Matthews, Jeffrey, Henderson, Silvester

Cc: LMC ALL Faculty

I would love to participate

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**(James Martin – Sent 9/17/17)**

**From:** Martin, James
**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2017 3:46:23 PM
**To:** Townsend, Janice
**Cc:** Henderson, Silvester
**Subject:** Note from Jim Martin

Janice, Hope you are doing well.

I have been reading the opinions/input that has been flying back and forth regarding what Henderson put out to form a team to look at (what I call, the importance of diversity) whether Eurocentrism is how our teaching is taught, and if so, is that good or bad (my translation may have missed something).  I think the real problem is deeper and much more foundational.  If possible I would like to sit in on this team, or at least be present when they meet, but before I open my mouth, I promise I will listen more.

Jim Martin

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**(Majella Smith – Sent 9/17/17)**

From: Smith, Majella

Sent: Sunday, September 17, 6:03 PM

Subject: Re: Request for Faculty Participation: "Academic Senate Ethno-relative Curricular Task Force Committee" 2017-2018 (Immediate Response Requested)

To: Henderson, Silvester

Mr Henderson

I would like to join the committee.  To whom do I address the application?  I am attaching a very brief submission to this inquiry.

Majella Smith

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**(Martin Duwe – Sent 9/17/17)**

**From:** Henderson, Silvester
**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2017 5:00 PM
**To:** Duwe, Martin; Martin, James; Adkins, Theodora
**Cc:** Goldfarb, Sharon; Townsend, Janice; Henderson, Silvester
**Subject:** Faculty to be confirmed on 9-25-2017 (Ethno Relative Curricular Task Force)

**9-17-2017**

Abby, please place these academics on the 9-25-2017 Senate agenda for **Senate Vote/Confirmation.**

Thank you kindly!

Silvester

James Duwe (Political Science)

Sharon Goldfarb (Nursing)

James Martin (PTEC)

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**(Theodora Adkins – Sent 9/18/17)**

**From:** Adkins, Theodora
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:50:27 PM
**To:** Henderson, Silvester
**Subject:** Re: Task Force

Silvester
I would like to be on the Task Force. Thank you.

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**(Morgan Lynn – Sent 9/20/17)**

**From:** Lynn, Morgan
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 3:46 PM
**To:** Henderson, Silvester
**Subject:** Ethno-Relative Task Force Committee Membership

Dear Academic Senate,

I am writing to formally request membership on the Ethno-Relative Task Force Committee. As part of my commitment to equity and justice, I believe that an examination of Eurocentrism in the curricular offerings at LMC is a worthwhile endeavor. It is in the spirit of equity that we move from a "diversity" model of education, or even an "inclusion" model, to a more progressive and radical shift that dismantles dominant narratives and knowledges.

It is my understanding that this task force will help us examine curriculum and do some problem-posing in considering how we serve our students. While academic freedom is a core value at LMC, I think dialogue around Eurocentrism is of equal value.

Best,

Morgan

**(Joshua Bearden – Sent 9/20/17)**

**From:** Bearden, Joshua
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 3:00 PM
**To:** Henderson, Silvester
**Subject:** Ethno-Relative Task Force

Hi Silvester,

I’d like to volunteer for the ethno-relative task force.  The GE committee is working on a related topic, so I’d like to be a part of the task force’s conversations.

Thanks!

Joshua L. Bearden

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**(Erlinda Jones – Sent 9/20/17)**

From: Jones, Erlinda

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 3:05 AM

Subject: Re: Request for Faculty Participation: "Academic Senate Ethno-relative Curricular Task Force Committee" 2017-2018 (Immediate Response Requested)

To: Henderson, Silvester

I would like to be considered for the Academic Senate Ethno-relative . I would like to be a part of such an endeavor. Thank you for your consideration, Erlinda Jones \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ From: Henderson, Silvester Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 9:01:03 PM To: LMC ALL Faculty Subject: Request for Faculty Participation: "Academic Senate Ethno-relative Curricular Task Force Committee" 2017-2018 (Immediate Response Requested) 9-14-2017 Dear LMC Faculty: Hello! The Academic Senate is seeking faculty members to become part of the newly formed, "Academic Senate Ethno-relative Curricular Task Force Committee". The Academic Senate would like to create a team of academics who would review our current curricular model regarding "Intercultural Curricular Sensitivity". Ethno-relativism recognize other cultures and accept them as viable alternatives to their own worldview. They know that people are genuinely different from them and accept the inevitability of other value systems and behavioral norms. They do not yet adapt their own behavior to the cultural context, but they no longer see other cultures as threatening, wrong, or inferior. People in the acceptance phase can be thought of as “culture-neutral,” seeing differences as neither good nor bad, but rather as a fact of life. The Senate would like to engage more culturally relevant curricular models as oppose to continuing "Ethnocentrism". Ethnocentrism is as an attitude or mindset which presumes the superiority of one’s own worldview, sometimes without even acknowledging the existence of others. The Task Force would be ask to review and suggest the following: A: Position Paper of the Academic Senate (Attached) (Approved 3-24-2003) B: Process for Curricular Improvement (What, how and who should be responsible for this curricular conversation and possible innovative implementation) The Senate is suggesting 6-8 faculty representatives from the following areas of emphasis: Counseling CTE Basic Skills Committee: Math/English IDEA Committee Academic Senate Physical/Biological Science Liberal Arts: Social, Behavioral Science, Art, Music, Drama The Academic Senate and Senate Council promotes open applications from all faculty. Please submit your name, along with a brief writing that describes your interest to serve on this Task Force. All prospective applicants are requested to submit their interest in writing, by October 2, 2017. The selected faculty members will be confirmed at the Academic Senate's October 9, 2017 Bi-Monthly meeting. This occurrence will be held at 3:00 P.M. in L109. Your attend at this meeting will allow the Academic Senate to ask questions and validate prospective application.Thank you for your consideration and kindness. Cordially, Silvester Henderson, President Los Medanos College Academic Senate (925) 473-7892 (Office) (925) 565-6107 (Cell)