

Annual Activities Report 2001-2002
Hispanic and Latin American Faculty and Staff Association MU

This report summarizes the activities the association carried out with support of the University of Missouri, and especially the Office of the Vice Provost for Minority Affairs, International Programs and Faculty Development. Many of our events were in collaboration with other organizations, departments and organizations at MU and UM, and with community organizations.

About the Organization:

General Meeting and Elections December 5, 2001

We held a general membership meeting and held elections for new officers. More people became members and are participating in the committees of our association.

Our new board officers until November 2002 are:

Corinne Valdivia President (elected to a second term)
Sylvia Lazos Vice President (elected to a second term)
Christiane Quinn Treasurer (elected to a third term)
Tom R. Marrero Secretary
Alejandra Gudiño Staff Representative
Linda Espinosa Faculty Representative
Julio Lorío Historian
Anna Romero, Past President

Officers serving until December 2001:

T. R. Marrero, Faculty Representative
A. Gudiño, Secretary
D. Martínez, Historian
N. Navarrete-Tindall, Staff Representative

Also elected to serve until November 2002:

Thomas Custer HLAFA Website and Noticias
Joe Polacco, Linda Espinosa and Laura Duffy, Lecture and Video Series Committee
Domingo Martínez, De Colores Website and Listserves
Domingo Martínez and Ana María Fernandez, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee
Michael Ugarte, Community Linkages
Alejandra Gudiño, Linda Espinosa and Michael Ugarte, Recognition Committee

Monthly Board meetings are held and are open to all association members.

Activities 2001-2002

Hispanic Heritage Month Activities organized by the HHM Committee in coordination with the Lecture Series Committee: September and October 2001

Hispanic Tapestry – September 27, 2001. An Academic Panel Highlighting Research and Outreach Experiences Regarding Latinos in Missouri. Presenters included Professor Elizabeth Barham of Rural Sociology, Christina Vasquez Case, doctoral student of Rural Sociology, Dolores Arce Kaptain of University Outreach. VP Handy Williamson welcomed the public. Prof Lazos moderated the panel. The Seminar Committee organized the event.

A HHM Picnic- September 16, 2001. Organized by the HHM Committee to launch the celebrations with participation of faculty and staff, and community members.

Lecture by Professor Guadalupe Luna that was cancelled because of difficulties with air travel at that time. Professor Luna presented at MU March 14 at the School of Law and at the Cambio de Colores in Missouri Conference.

HHM City of Columbia Proclamation, September 14, 2001. The President of HLAFSA participated along with others in the official ceremony of recognition of HHM.

Chancellor Welcome Reception to Faculty and Staff September 25, 2001. Sponsored by Chancellor Wallace.

Tail Gate Party President Pacheco also hosted a reception for Hispanic Faculty, celebrating HLAFSA.

Academic Event:

Working with MU and UM on Cambio de Colores March 13, 15 2002.

With the lead of HLAFSA a year long of planning effort came to a successful completion with Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) in Missouri, a three day conference that brought together people in academics, outreach, policy, and community organization for the first time, come together in Missouri to understand the changes our communities are going through and how we at the University of Missouri, and in other institutions can facilitate a process of change and transition that improves the welfare of communities in our state. With the support from many organizations, our university and the private sector, funding was secured for this event.

The program evaluation has already been submitted. All the information on the conference, and follow up can be found at www.DeColores.Missouri.edu.

HLAFSA board and members supported this event. Many of our members were in the planning committee:

Corinne Valdivia and Sylvia Lazos, Co Chairs (they also organized and participated in some of the sessions)

Christiane Quinn, Financial Officer

Anna Romero, Communications with the Press and Journalism Workshop

Domingo Martinez, Website DeColores and Cultural Context Co Chair

Alejandra Gudiño, Health Panel Co-Chair and Health Workshop co-chair

María Lopez Pabón organized the Criminal Justice panel with Sylvia Lazos, and two workshops

Gerardo Lopez Chair of the Education Panel.

Linda Espinosa participated in a panel on bilingual education.

Other members participated during the conference or contributed, such as T. R. Marrero and Michael Ugarte. Thomas Custer, Julio Lorio and Ana María Fernandez supported our activities and represented HLAFSA at the posters and table displays sessions.

Lecture and Video Series Committee:

Hispanic Tapestry listed above

Earth Panel – May 3rd, 2002 With the collaboration of International Programs CAFNR, a panel discussion on experiences of MU graduates in a study abroad program at EARTH Costa Rica, organized by Joe Polacco and Linda Espinosa in collaboration with Kurt Richter, Program Director Study Abroad, CAFNR, MU

Talk About Bats Co Sponsored Columbia Verde Bilingual Talk (English and Spanish) about Bats in May 2002.

Our members organized several of the panels at Cambio de Colores. Sylvia Lazos coordinated the Justice Panel and Sessions for academic credit. Domingo Martinez co-chaired with Anne Dannerbeck the Cultural Context Session. Alejandra Gudiño co chaired the Health Panel. Anna Romero organized a session on Latinos in the Media. Corinne Valdivia organized the Changes Session and the Impact Assessment Workshop. Valdivia and Gudiño organized the poster and table displays.

Cultural and Community Linkage Committee:

Día de los Muertos – November 2, 2001 In collaboration with Adelante and other organization Día de los Muertos (day of the Dead) a very important celebration in Latin America was celebrated at the Memorial Union. It was an opportunity to support Centro Latino, an organization serving new immigrants to Columbia and Mid Missouri. HLAFSA also donated to Centro Latino a mural painted for the Dia de Los Muertos by Julio Lorio. It is on display at the Centro Latino

HLAFSA Potluck Holiday Celebration – December 15, 2001 Past Officers that served our association were recognized: Anna Romero Past President, Nadia Navarrete-Tindall, Staff Representative, Domingo Martinez, Historian 2 years

Brazilian Carnival – March 2, 2002 co-sponsored with the Brazilian Student Organization.

Coordination with Adelante: Earth Day Celebration April 28, 2002; and distribution of newspaper to our members through out the year

CentroLatino Ped Net May 4th, 2002. Participated in this event organized by Centro Latino and Pednet to provide bicycles for people of all ages. This event is helpful to people that need transportation to get to work.. HLAFSA provided publicity to the Cycle Recycle by donating the banner made by Julio Lorio.

Hispanic Legislative Day April 16, 2002 Valdivia represented HLAFSA at the first Hispanic Legislative day with 40 Hispanic Leaders from around the state. We visited with Governor Holden, the Senate and the House of Representatives, and State Department Directors in Jefferson City.

Communications:

Noticias a sporadic newsletter of the association. These came out in September and April 2002.

Websites sponsored by our association are HLAFFSA Website and DeColores. HLAFFSA's includes our reports, newsletter, committees and calendar of activities. Other resources are also offered through website. DeColores was created to support Cambio de Colores and has become a resource around the state for people and organizations working with Latinos in Missouri. Addresses: www.missouri.edu/hlafsa and www.decolores.missouri.edu

Listserves to facilitate our communications, a list serve for members of the association, and a second that includes all Hispanics at MU as well as those interested in information about Hispanics, the Americas and Latino themes.

Recognition/Nominations Committee:

Successfully submitted a nomination for Centro Latino as an organization serving immigrants to the Midwest. Eduardo Crespi was recognized at the Diversity Awards Celebration.

Respectfully Submitted to the General Meeting December 11, 2002 by

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President HLAFFSA