Date: May 21, 2103
To: Bilin Tsai
From: Elias Mokole
Re: AAUCT report -2012-13

**List of UCT members and chair:**

Jill Doerfler, American Indian Studies
Emmanuel Enemuoh, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Amanda Evans, ITSS
Tim Holst, Graduate Programs
Dana Lindaman, Foreign language
Elias Mokole, Music, Chair

**Invited guests:**

Edwin Nganji, Administrative Fellow
Beth Bartlett, Professor Women's Studies
John Arthur. Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Faculty Fellow for Strategic Planning

**Objectives:**

Create actionable items that advance Goal 2 of the UMD Strategic Plan

**AAUCT 2012-13 Summary**

AACUT wrote a proposal for the UMD Diversity Initiative entitled "Impacting Student Cultural Awareness through Academic Disciplines." This project will help move UMD toward campus Goal 2: Create a positive and inclusive campus climate for all by advancing equity, diversity, and social justice. Demystifying and accurately informing students about these academic disciplines and thus potentially catalyzing enrollment in their introductory courses will give students a foundation of understanding to cultures other than their own. This project seeks to demystify the academic disciplines of African-African American Studies, American Indian Studies, and Women’s Studies for faculty, students, and staff. This project involves three short, accessible presentations (following the TED Talk model), which give basic information about the history and work of the three disciplines. UMD specific information regarding the respective majors and minors will also be covered. Stereotypes and popular misconceptions will be addressed. The proposal was funded and the team spent a significant amount of time planning the event.
Project timeline:
Sept-Oct. 15: Writing proposal
Oct. - Coordinate with AIS, WS, and AAAS
Nov-Jan. - Work with departments to develop content and organize event
Jan. – Arrange technology, set a date for the event, book venue
Feb. – Create Advertising for the event
March 26, 2013 – Hold event

IDI Workshops:
AAUCT team would like to see IDI workshops for all department heads, followed by workshops for all faculty, and we would really like to see a full-time position at UMD for some to plan and coordinate these types workshops.

AAUCT met and advised and offered support to Eddy NGANGI on his project One World/One voice (see below)

Student Project description:
One World, One Environment event will be a forum for diverse UMD students to discuss their environmental values and the environmental issues facing their home countries. In response to the students' comments and concerns, experts from UMD and the wider community will provide feedback. Students and content experts will then work together to develop best practices, next steps and long-term goals.

Phase 1: Students identify environmental concerns.
Phase 2: Content Experts will address the students' environmental concerns.
Phase 3: Students and Experts will work together to determine solutions.

Experts will be drawn from UMD primarily and other environmental educators/sustainability practitioners, outdoor enthusiasts in the wider community will be considered in our list of potential invitees.

AAUCT Future:
EVCAA Schokker discussed the possibility of combining the current AAUCT team with the registrar's team.