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What is your affiliation with UW-Madison? For group submissions, please respond for main contact.

- Student (including undergraduate, graduate, professional)

Describe the concept. If already in use here or elsewhere, please indicate this.

This concept is to deepen the connection between the university and city government/community groups on the topic of race. My main idea is to have a base, starting from the ground up with people from the UW community along with the government and Madison community, of people who will help train and lead seminars on educating others on race. This can happen in the residence halls, for faculty and staff, and in general will open up more discussions. I have already begun to establish a starting point with this by opening up some doors (I have spoken to [REDACTED] Sims and Mitchell about this), and because [REDACTED] I am in connection with many different people who will be able to lead these seminars. [REDACTED] is on board with having people from the RESJI and community groups the RESJI is affiliated with to help out in the residence halls by leading trainings (targeted at housefellows and students). The connection has been made, and if we can continue to deepen it, we can have something special here. If deepened, we will have a climate all around the Madison community and on campus where professional racial education is readily available, and will be able to jump on potential problems before they arise.

How would this affect cultural change on campus?

This would affect cultural change on campus because this would give students of color who feel oppressed more of a backing (which they need here) and will also provide more of a learning and professional environment on learning about the topics of race and discrimination.

For new ideas, how would you propose piloting this idea to see if it would work? If the idea is already in use at UW-Madison, how would you propose expanding or altering this program for greater impact?

Since the idea is not officially in use (the idea for implementing trainings in university housing will happen next year, which is exactly what the RESJI and other members of the community would help out with as facilitators of these trainings), I would propose keeping in touch with [REDACTED] and Toriana Pettaway, head of the RESJI and close friend of Patrick Sims. All three of us are on board with this idea, and after talking to Everett Mitchell about this, he is on board too. Since he is leaving, I will need to know who is taking his job next year and keep in touch with him, because I will need the help of the person in charge of community connections at the university.

What resources would be needed to implement your suggestion?

No physical resources would technically be needed, it all comes down to communication between the city

government (RESJI-who works mainly out of the city council building-coupled with community groups as well) and the UW. Since doors have already been opened this past semester, the only real resources would be spaces to meet between UW and RESJI/community.

If this proposal was developed in partnership with any other organizations, please list them below.

RESJI is the pioneer of this. Other community groups that could potentially get involved include Justified Anger, YWCA, Groundwork, etc.

Please use this space for any additional information about your proposal that you wish to share:

This idea is already in effect, we just need to continue work on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to continue my work, but next year I plan to continue this right away. I greatly wish that we can fund these efforts, and understand communication with the rest of the community is key, especially because the city government is just now making a difference through the RESJI in city employment and will be able to make an impact on the campus climate at UW.