Dear MRC Community:

It is a season of change for the Multicultural Resource Center, with some bittersweet partings and exciting new opportunities.

Some MRC staff members have found wonderful new opportunities. Former Assistant Director Anna Phung will be starting a new position in the Women’s Center at Princeton University. We are excited to share that former Program Coordinator Libni Lopez is now a staff psychologist/counselor in our Counseling Center. Our congratulations to Anna and Libni. Elliot Director will also be leaving the MRC at the end of November. We wish him and all the MRC team success in their next ventures and extend our deepest appreciation for their invaluable contributions.

We are excited to share that a search for a new MRC director is under way. Search cochairs Assistant Vice President of Student Life Adrian Bautista and Assistant Dean Chris Donaldson will help identify a dynamic leader for this key role in the student life division. Our thanks in advance to the search committee members for their contribution to envisioning a thriving future for the MRC, with deepest gratitude to:

- Jason Arevalo, 4th-year, Conservatory of Music
- Brook Escobedo, assistant dean, Student Academic Success Programs
- Ifunanya “Ify” Ezimora, 4th-year, College of Arts and Sciences
- Kerry Jenkins, head women’s basketball coach
- Gillian Johns, associate professor of English
- Greggor Mattson, associate professor of sociology/director, Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies Program
- Kara Nepomuceno, 3rd-year, College of Arts and Sciences

Of course, the MRC cannot succeed in any of its ventures without the participation of its community, so please be on the lookout for a schedule for listening sessions and other opportunities to participate in the search. In the interim, Adrian Bautista will assume the role of interim director of the MRC, joining continuing Program Coordinator Khalid Taylor. Stay tuned for upcoming programs, events, and social gatherings; we hope to see you there. And as always, the MRC values its partnership with other programs that provide support resources, including:

- The Center for Student Success
- Student Success Programs
- The Counseling Center
- Dean of Students Emergency Fund/Student Support Initiative Fund
- International Student Resource Center
- Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Res Ed Program Houses/multicultural and identity-based communities
- SHARE

We hope you will turn to the MRC and these other areas for any support you need to ensure you thrive at Oberlin. If you have any questions or concerns, call the MRC at 440-775-8802.

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