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Latino Faculty and Staff Council
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Welcome/Introductions
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Officer Reports
- Festival of Cultures – This past Sunday, the LFSC had an information/activity/food table at this yearly event hosted by the Lawrence Alliance. Despite cool weather and Fall Break, the event had a good turnout and we were able to get the word out about our organization, provide free ojo de Dios crafts for children, and raise $40 for the LFSC. (Sofía Galarza-Liu, LFSC President)

- Underwater Dreams film screening – Two weeks ago, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the LFSC co-hosted this successful event with HALO. Attendees included LFSC and HALO members, as well as other KU faculty, staff, and students. LFSC purchased the educational rights for this film – and have DVD versions in Spanish and English. If anyone from the Council would like to borrow it for another educational event, please contact Stacy Mendez at smendez@ku.edu. (Stacy Méndez, LFSC Secretary)

New Business
- Carla Ramírez has volunteered to represent LFSC within the newly formed Diversity Leadership Council, a KU work-group assembled by the Office of Diversity and Equity and the new Vice Provost Nathan Thomas. This new Council has been charged with the tasks of 1) creating and conducting a campus diversity climate survey, 2) researching best practices, and 3) developing proposed diversity education for faculty, staff, and students.

Guest Speaker
Ruben Flores, Associate Professor in the KU Department of American Studies, presented highlights from his research and newly published book: Backroads Pragmatists: Mexico’s Melting Pot and Civil Rights in the United States. For more information about his latest work, see http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/15223.html.

Upcoming Events
- TOMORROW, Wednesday, October 15th, 530pm
Film screening, Tambien la lluvia (Even the Rain). Latin American Film Festival Kickoff Auditorium, Spencer Museum of Art. For more information, see http://calendar.ku.edu/index.php?option=eventview&ce_id=63836.

Next LFSC Meeting
- Tuesday, November 11th, noon. Multicultural Resource Center Classroom Guest Speaker: Christina Bejarano, Associate Professor, KU Department of Political Science. Presenting highlights from her recently published book, The Latino Gender Gap in U.S. Politics.