

Descriptions of Activities (coordinator listed)

Feel free to write-in your own ideas. These will be forwarded to the chairperson/coordinator.

Community Service., Alex Varela

HACER will strive to assist the Hispanic community at large in the Houston area through monthly outreach events and projects. This committee will organize such event and projects which may include, but is not limited to, work with non-profit organizations in the Houston area such as the Barrio Student Center.

Your ideas:

Culture, Maricela Alarcon

This committee is a simple solution to immerse oneself in a culture and go beyond books and lectures. Meet those people who were born in countries like Perú, Colombia, Nicaragua, or México. Learn from first generation immigrants what life is like in their country through discussion, food, and current events.

Your ideas:

Politics, (to be decided)

The purpose of the Political Committee is to develop HACER's interaction with political entities within the hedges and beyond.

Participation will involve an initial meeting to iron out specific objectives for this committee, with 1-2 meetings a month as needed to plan activities. Since this is a mayoral election year, we will be working on getting the Hispanic community at Rice informed about the campaign issues that are important to them, as well as focusing on such issues concerning hispanics in the political arena (such as how to encourage traditionally apathetic college students to vote!).

Your ideas:

History, Dr. Alberto I. Roca

The long term goal of the history committee is to document and evaluate the experiences of hispanics at Rice by:

-Collaborating with History Professor John Boles, we will identify an independent study student who will write a scholarly research paper on some topic concerning the history of hispanics at Rice. We hope to publish a book.

-The HACER history meeting will occur in the Spring. We will present the stories of Hispanic students at Rice during the 1960's.

-Work with the Office of Alumni Affairs to identify former Rice students who are Hispanic. We hope to figure out who was the first Hispanic student to graduate from Rice.

Your ideas:

College Representatives, (to be decided)

Hey on campus upperclassmen! We need someone to be in charge of getting information out to the colleges. We really want you to be involved this year. Please sign up for your college!

Your ideas:

Social Activities, (to be decided)

The goal of the Social Activities Committee is to plan off campus social activities for HACER members. Mostly, it will involve activities that help expose members to the different cultures of the many countries that compose the general "Hispanic culture." Activities may include going to restaurants that serve the native cuisine of a Latin American country, as well as going to folkloric dance performances or museum exhibitions that highlight the Hispanic culture.

Your ideas:

Facilities & Engineering/Housing & Dining Relations, (to be decided)

One of HACER's main goals is to get involved in the Hispanic community. In the past this has been done by reaching out to the Hispanic community outside of Rice in the form of service projects. However, there is a large Hispanic population right here on campus in the form of the Facilities & Engineering and Food & Housing employees. The goal of this committee would be to reach out to this important group.

Your ideas:

Special Events, Ileana Silva (other coordinators needed also)

La Posada is a cultural holiday event highlighting the Mexican tradition of Posada. Students walk to the eight residential colleges in a procession singing the traditional Posada songs while picking up students from each college to join the procession ending at the Grand Hall in the RMC. In the Grand Hall a traditional dinner will served and Mariachis, a Ballet Folklorico group, and students will perform. Then the event will finish with a Latin dance party.

Latin World Festival is HACER's spring event. Booths will be set up in the Grand Hall to represent each Latin nation. A representative from each country (e.g. a student) will be available to answer any questions posed by visitors to the booth. Visitors will also have the opportunity to sample food native to each country and enjoy dance/musical performances from several countries. Afterwards, a prominent figure in the Latino community (to be determined) will speak about his or her Hispanic heritage and personal experiences. Through this Festival, HACER hopes to show members of the Rice community that there is not one generic Latin culture, but rather that each country has its own unique customs and traditions.

College lunches are held on alternate Wednesdays and rotate around the different colleges. These are not meetings but informal gatherings that HACER members or people interested in HACER can come to and hang out with fellow HACER members. In addition, a leader from the Hispanic community will be a guest at each college lunch for you to meet in an informal setting.

Your ideas: