TABLE TALK

Woodrow Foundation, Social Science Research Council, The Leadership Alliance, Graduate Opportunity Minority Assistance Program (GOMAP)

Pop-UP (informational) mini-sessions are substitutes for longer Power-Point Presentations. The goal of the "Pop-up" is to pique the interest of students to build momentum for our afternoon workshops.

Their format is as follows:

- Hand-held microphones are provided…
- Designated Speakers rise from their lunch tables and introduce themselves, their affiliation and/or position (bringing resources to the table is encouraged)
- Typically three program highlights are presented
- Length of time allotted for each speaker is no more than five minutes
- Conference participants are invited to review materials at the Mini-Grad Fair and do a deeper dive through the Conference APP

"Pop-Up Information Sessions" will occur during our lunch gathering at the University of Washington. In place of a Keynote Speaker, we will be enjoying various speakers who will share resources relevant to the goals of our MMUF Programs.   Because this could be a new and/or unusual format for both Speaker *and* Audience, it may be useful to acquaint yourself with our expectations for this segment of our program a little bit beforehand.

In past conferences, we have allotted time, typically during the lunch hour, for 15-20 minute PowerPoint presentations from our various MMUF Affiliates. We are diverting from that format this year.

We will be asking our program representatives listed above to stand and deliver, brief "selected highlights" from their program *from* the position of their lunch table. The intended follow-up is *table-talk*. There will be additional information offered through the Mini-Grad Program Fair, links on our website, and of course information on our Conference APP to the degree it is possible.

The goal is to pique the interest of our students and disseminate multiple messages throughout the conference about these critical programs. We hope that the conversations will continue beyond our conference program as our website and APP continue to point them directly to these valuable resources.