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Mr. Khalil M. Osman, PMU Campus Life Supervisor, was invited to the Faculty Forum Seminar to give a lecture titled “Multicultural Education and Educators’ Attitudes”. Mrs. Linda Raye Sue, PREP English Instructor, gave a brief biography about Mr. Osman and his educational background. Mr. Osman welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for attending the forum. He started the presentation with the question, “Have you ever thought that one day the United States will have a president who is not from the dominant culture, and he is from a multicultural diverse background?” He then went onto explain that multicultural education is a field of study (and an emerging discipline) wherein the major aim is to create equal educational opportunities for students from diverse racial, ethnic, social-class, and cultural groups. Mr. Osman presented a PowerPoint presentation about this topic, using the African proverb, “it takes a village to raise a child”. He further emphasized that educators must be aware of students’ cultural background, learning style, and their uniqueness. As he pointed out “teaching with a multicultural perspective encourages appreciation and understanding of other cultures as well as one’s own.” Most of the attendees expressed their own varied perspective, and hope to see a continuation of this presentation soon.