

President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 5, 2017
2:30-4:00 p.m. 103 HSS

Present:

Yaw Asamoah, Co-Chair
Kate Linder Co-Chair
Allison Baker
Charlotte Bellas
Shelly Bouchat
Daniel Burkett

Andrea Campbell
Shirley Johnson
Megan Knoch
Irvin Rivera
Debra Valentine-Gray
Kustim (Tim) Wibowo

Excused: Callie Campbell

Absent:

Jevon Graham-Wooten
Melvin Jenkins
Demond Mullins

I. Approval of April 18, 2017 Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

II. Report on Co-Chairs' Meeting with Dr. Driscoll

- a. The co-chairs reported on discussed timelines for Summer and Fall 2017. Draft Diversity Action Plan items were to be submitted by October 14, 2017, with a planned review and presentation to the Council of Trustees in December 2017.

III. Current Subcommittee Recommendations

- a. Present subcommittee co-chairs and members shared at least one recommendation to be shared with President Driscoll. These recommendations will be used to create a preliminary Diversity Action Plan.

IV. Discussion of Concerns Submitted to the Commission

- a. Members discussed recent changes to the Commencement process, such as requiring tickets for the main ceremony.
- b. Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement and Graduate Ceremonies taking place during overlapping time periods, causing students, faculty, and staff to choose between the two events.

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting TBA, early Fall 2017 semester

Respectfully submitted, Allison Baker