

Cultural Diversity Committee Meeting: Minutes

February 20, 2014, 2:00 PM

Attendees: Diane Belcher, Mourad Dakhli, Tai Wang, Nedda Ahmed, Carrie Manning, Marian Meyers, Elisabeth Burgess, Peggy Albers, Miles Irving, Fernando Doria, Janelle Kerlin, Annette Butler, Monica Diaz (chair).

Absentees: Doug Covey, Lynda Brown-Wright, Michael Wyatt, Shif Gurmu, Darryl Holloman, Judith Emerson, Heather Housley, Yali Zhao, Tanya Washington, Sarah Pallas, Valerie Fennell.

Minutes: Brenda Francois Kinchen

1. The minutes from the December meeting were approved
2. Report by Peggy Albers on student evaluations of faculty

Professor Albers reported: student evaluation instrument is currently online. In 2009 Faculty Affairs had a motion and it was passed by the Senate. There would be 5 core questions and every college would decide to use it or not. Some colleges are still working on question 13 and 17. The second question is the more current issue. Putting courses and grades online, students can see their grades online. We are seeing fewer evaluations filled out. The evaluation form should appear on every syllabus.

Monica Diaz reported –last meeting we had in December, we had a study from the Office of Institutional Research, it was problematic, another study is being conducted with upper level courses, many classes were taught by same professor. Minority faculty issues are main concern of this committee. We should have peers come to classroom to evaluate instructor. There is not a good instrument for people teaching online. Motion was passed in 2009 in regards to student evaluations. We would like to have a more efficient way of evaluating instructors.

3. Presentation by Associate Provost for International Initiatives, Dr. Jun Liu.

Handouts

- Agenda
- Dr. Diaz adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm