Cultural Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 6th, 2017, 3-5 pm
25 Park Place, Rm. 2150

Members Present
James Ainsworth  Diane Belcher  Debora Constable
Douglass Covey  Fernando Doria  Jonathan Gayles
Paula Gordon  Cyntoria Johnson  Laura Lohman
Erin Morrey  Romney Norwood  DaShaunda Patterson
Scott Pieper  Fernando Reati  Renee Schatteman
Wolfgang Schloer

Guests Present
John Day
Lisa Armistead (for Kavita Pandit)

Members Absent
Lisa Alembak  Kelley Alexander  Kimberly Bennekin
Annette Butler  Daniel Crimmins  Kathryn Crowther
Kofi Dadzie  Mourad Dakhli  Judith Emerson
Jason Flato  Matthew Gayman  Emanuela Guano
Shif Gurmu  Darryl Holloman  Heather Housley
Leszek Ignatowicz  Ari Jones (SGA)  JoAnn Lee-Joyner
Leila Lawlor  Janice Maxwell  Kavita Pandit
Katherine Perry  Alessandra Raengo  Rasha Ramzy
Audrey Shilkunov  Claudette Tolson  Ariday Walkes
Allysha Watson (SGA)  Joanna Wilson  Yali Zhao

Note that this meeting, as well as the October CDC meeting was not available via Webex making it harder for senators from GSU Perimeter College to attend.

1. Approved minutes from prior CDC meeting with amendments indicating those who were present (via Web Ex) but marked absent.

2. Ankush Chauhan, the Diversity Program Coordinator from the Office of Diversity Education Planning presented on GSU’s Diversity Passport followed by a question and answer period.

3. Diane Belcher, Chair of Faculty Diversity Subcommittee, reported on her subcommittee’s revision of the Faculty Diversity Resolution, and Jim Ainsworth reported on the formation of President Becker’s
“Commission for the Next Generation of Faculty.” Feedback on this topic from the Faculty Affairs Equity Subcommittee was discussed. In light of the creation of this Presidential Commission, it was decided to revise the Faculty Diversity Resolution should be revised. The general consensus was that the revised resolution should applaud the GSU administration for the creation of the commission, but also provide guidance as to what possible steps could be taken to improve the diversity of faculty and administration at GSU (this was in clear agreement with the FAC Equity Subcommittee). The Faculty Diversity Subcommittee was charged with revising for resolution in advance of the December CDC meeting.

4. Scott Piper, chair of the Student Diversity Subcommittee, updated the full CDC of the progress of his committee. They had learned that the GSU registrar is capable of allowing for preferred names and pronouns. There was some discussion as to whether GSU should consider creating an independent office for LGBTQ students. Work continues on these and related issues.

5. Meeting adjourned