

COEPD Diversity Committee 2017-2018 Report

Prepared by Sherry Early

December Meeting

- Sherry Early elected as Chair
- Conrae Lucas-Adkins elected as Secretary
- Discussion on Diversity Committee Website—outreach to George Watson
 - Determined we would research other diversity websites to benchmark by the January meeting
 - Sherry is following up with George on getting the website launched
- Outreach to Potential Collaborators for Spring Semester Programming
 - Shaunte Polk, Safe Zone Training in South Charleston-Sherry
 - Connect with Isaac Larison about brown bag series (diversity topics/speakers)-Sherry
 - Contact Isaac about the Undergraduate Sharing Day. Diversity Committee to contribute in some way. Possible graduate student presentations-Debbie
 - Invite Maurice Cooley to speak to Diversity Committee about ideas-Sherry
 - Spring faculty meeting- small group discussions about how each program is addressing diversity; note changes over the past year; possibly get ideas from Bobbi Nicholson's survey & future directions-Kim
 - Bobbi Nicholson invited to January meeting to discuss diversity survey results-Sherry
 - Talk with psychology department in COLA to find out how they are addressing diversity-Conrae
 - Reach out to David Fryson (WVU) about diversity program-Feon

January Meeting

- Dr. Bobbi Nicholson presented findings from the COEPD diversity survey
- Updates on Outreach to Potential Collaborators
- Discussion on website ideas for George Watson
- Develop a timeline for spring programming
- Dr. Rieko Miyakuni invited the Committee to promote the upcoming ACLU event

February Meeting

- Leah Tolliver, Director of the Women's Center spoke about Women's History Month events and the resources and services her Center offers
- We went through the diversity committee website

March Meeting

- Dr. Isaac Larison discussed Undergraduate Sharing Day
- We had dialogue on a possible Graduate Sharing Day
- Isaac and Sherry shared ideas for a Diversity Seminar in spring 2019

April Meeting

- Dr. Kelli Johnson shared information regarding the President's Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities and the university diversity survey distribution
- Election of new Chair and Secretary for 2018-2019
 - Congratulations Conrae Lucas-Adkins & Kimberly McFall, Co-Chairs
 - Congratulations Ruthann Arneson, Secretary
- Discussion on nominations for the 2018-2020 COEPD diversity committee elections
- Submitted an iPEDs nomination to present on diversity committees

Projections for 2018-2019

- COEPD Diversity Committee Member Elections
- Present at iPEDs, Fall 2018
- Compare COEPD Diversity/Campus Climate results with Marshall University Diversity/Campus Climate results (from Bobbi Nicholson and Kelli Johnson), Fall 2018
- Diversity Presentations on South Charleston and Huntington Campuses in Collaboration with Sandra Stroebel, October 2018
- Launch Graduate Research Sharing Day in South Charleston, Spring 2019
- West Virginia TESOL Pre-Conference Collaboration with Isaac Larison, Spring 2019