**COEPD Diversity Committee March Meeting Minutes**

**March 28, 2018**

**Attendees**: Sherry Early (President), Kimberly McFall, Conrae Lucas-Adkins (Secretary), Ruthann Arneson, Debra Lockwood, Feon Smith-Branch, Isaac Larison (Guest Presenter)

1. Minutes of February Meeting Approved (by all members)
2. Guest Presentation: Dr. Isaac Larison

* International Children’s Book Day Celebration- Monday April 2nd Drinko Library 2-4pm
* Dr. Larison was elected as Vice-President for WV TESOL for upcoming year; annual WV TESTOL conference will be held at MU in spring 2019

(TESOL is the organization for teachers of students with English as their 2nd language)

* Discussed COEPD Diversity Committee partnering with WV TESOL for a possible “pre-conference” event, such as *Graduate Sharing Day*
* *Graduate Sharing Day*- proposed for spring 2019; graduate candidates to present their research projects; 1st year faculty may also be included as presenters; Dr. Early & Dr. Larison have discussed idea with Dean Eagle; Possible event dates: Dead Week; WV TESOL; April “Unity Month”
* Dr. Early & Dr. Larison are exploring humanities grant opportunities
* Continuing process of hiring Minority Faculty Fellow- transcripts needed
* Undergraduate Sharing Day- April 18th- Dr. Larison will send agenda to Dr. Early. Will be posted to COEPD Diversity website

1. Spring Faculty Meeting Committee Report- Possible Topics

* Development of Diversity Website
* Guest Presenters at Diversity meetings
* Safe Space Training on SC campus
* Proposal for *Graduate Sharing Day*
* Other noteworthy activities from Diversity Committee will be added as discussion points for the Spring COEPD Faculty Meeting
* All members applauded the leadership of Dr. Early this year!

1. Next Meeting: **Tuesday, April 17th at 10am**

* Dr. Kelli Johnson will not be able to attend; however, her information will be available in Diversity Committee dropbox
* Upcoming Elections- Diversity Committee will have 2 open positions for 2018/19; also need to elect President and Secretary
* Harris Hall Rm. 437 will be available for meeting in April with Polycom capabilities

1. Announcements

* Do not forget to complete University Climate Survey- window March 26th through April 23rd online
* Plan to compare results from COEPD Climate Survey with those from University

Upcoming Dates & Diversity Related Events:

* University Climate Survey- **March 26- April 23**
* NAACP Higher Education Summit- **March 29**
* International Children’s Book Day- **April 2nd 2pm-4pm (Drinko Library)**
* ACLU Panel on Immigrants in WV- **April 9 @ 4pm**
* Last Brown Bag Series- **April 11** (Herman Mays, Biological Sciences)
* Undergraduate Sharing Day- **April 18 @ 9am**
* Unity Month- **April**