

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVERSITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES



Diversity & Social Justice Committee Meeting

March 11, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – Dean’s Conference Room, JH, Huntington Campus and via Polycom, South Charleston Campus

In Attendance: Tom Hisiro; Camille Ramsey; Feon Smith

Absent: Wubie Bizunesh; Harold Blanco; Janet Dozier; Sandra Stroebel

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were disseminated and read from the November 13, 2014 meeting and approved.

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m. by Chairperson Camille Ramsey.

Discussion: Mr. Kwame Opare’s Lecture – Camille Ramsey announced that Mr. Kwame Opare, Artist-in-Residence with Maryland public and charter schools, will give a lecture on Friday, March 27, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. in Room 402, Drinko Library. She will ask Brean to send the flier and email from the Diversity & Social Justice Committee to the COEPD faculty, administrators, and staff email list-serve. Camille indicated that Mr. Opare has an open date on March 30, and asked for suggestions as to what this committee could do in terms of an event – possibly schedule an event for COEPD students. It was suggested that in lieu of attending class, instructors could allow students to attend one of Mr. Opare’s campus sessions. Camille will check to see if student teachers could be allowed time away to attend Dr. Opare’s lecture. Feon Smith will forward the flier to Superintendent William Smith to promote Mr. Opare’s lecture to Cabell County teachers. Student Teacher Seminar – Camille asked for suggestions of a possible speaker for the final student teacher seminar. This event is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Camille recommended Beverly Kingery, retired Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools and current WV Board of Education member appointed by the Governor. She will extend an invitation to Ms. Kingery to speak. Feon Smith recommended Ms. Sylvia Ridgeway, retired Cabell County school teacher and current president of the Cabell-Huntington Branch NAACP as backup if Mr. Kingery is unable to participate. Diversity Breakfast – Tom Hisiro recommended that members of this committee attend the Annual Diversity Breakfast. He also thought it would be a good idea for Camille to sit at the head podium table as our representative. Feon Smith agreed to contact Maurice Cooley to see if this could be arranged since the event agenda is already set.

Old Business: Committee members are reminded to send links to various Diversity & Social Justice websites to Camille. She will check with Albert Simon to see if the links can be incorporated on the COEPD website where faculty and students can go there for informational sources.

New Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: TBD – Fall Semester 2015

Minutes submitted by: Feon Smith, Recording Secretary