

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



Diversity & Social Justice Committee Meeting

November 13, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – Dean’s Conference Room, JH, Huntington Campus and via Polycom, South Charleston Campus

In Attendance: Janet Dozier; Tom Hisiro; Camille Ramsey; Feon Smith; Wubie Bizunesh

Absent: Harold Blanco; Sandra Stroebel

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Janet Dozier, followed by introductions and election of officers. The committee unanimously voted to elect Camille Ramsey as Chair, and Feon Smith as Secretary. Janet Dozier provided the committee with an overview of the roles, responsibilities, and functions of the Diversity & Social Justice Committee. The primary function of the committee is to promote diversity among undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty, as well as recruit and retain diversity among students. The committee will meet once per semester.

Discussion: There were recommendations from of various initiatives. The initiative for this year is to promote more diversity programs for faculty. Other recommendations include the following: (1) Bring faculty who teach a course designated as multicultural together to collaborate on brainstorming ways to plan a required multicultural seminar, which would be required for undergraduate sophomore students; look at multicultural courses and conduct required seminars for sophomore students; (2) Add a Diversity & Social Justice link on the COEPD website where faculty, staff, and students can review and access various sources on diversity and social justice. Camille Ramsey asked the members to email her links to various diversity websites; (3) Hold brown bag luncheons on diversity and social justice; (4) Attending the annual Diversity Breakfast sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Affairs counts toward faculty need/development; (5) Plan focus group meetings/sessions on a book that focuses on diversity. The president and provost could select an appropriate book title; (6) Collect source syllabi from faculty who use diversity initiatives in their courses, and/or whose course is designated as multicultural; (7) Invite a speaker to lecture to students and faculty on diversity. These are the primary recommendations and suggestions of possible initiatives this year.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Camille Ramsey will contact MU Chief-of-Staff Brandi Jacobs-Jones to speak at the culminating seminar student teacher candidates to be held on Friday, December 5, 2014, 8:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room, MSC.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: TBD – Spring Semester 2015

Minutes submitted by: Feon Smith, Recording Secretary