

Period Report for Senate Committees
 Academic Year: 2010-2011
Academic Senate Diversity Committee
 Chairperson: Mischelle Stone
JANUARY 11, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

APPOINTED MEMBERS:

| Present | Name | Rep | Term | Present | Name | Rep | Term |
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| | Megan Dixon | AHS | 3 | | Vacant | OPT | |
| | Lindsey Root-Luna | AS | 3 | | Teresa Bailey | PHR | 2 |
| | Mark Brandley | BUS | | | Dane Johnson | CET | 2 |
| X | Mischelle Stone | EHS | 2 | | Vacant | AL | |
| X | Ann Breitenwischer | L/C | 1 | X | Mikael-Snitker-Magin | UC | 3 |
| | Vacant | SS | | X | Mike Hu | BUS | |
| | | | | | Gary Maike | | |

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER(S):

| Present | Name | Rep | Term |
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| | Keisha Reynolds | SGA | 1 |
| | Danielle Hoskey | SGA | 1 |

GUESTS:

| Present | Name | Rep |
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OLD BUSINESS:

- Review of department/college diversity efforts
- Discussion of Senate Committee Review Task Force Rubric results with Dean Michelle Johnston
- Mission and Goals for 2010-2011
- Update on closed-captioning for classroom use

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from FCTL to partner in bringing Kristen Renn to campus in the fall
- Discussion of mission and goals for committee
- Discussion of use of closed-captioning related to diversity efforts (Mikael Snitker-Magin)

Other:

- Dissemination of Flyers for "Prayers for Bobby" movie 1/25/11.
- Congratulations to Megan Dixon on completion of her Master's degree

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR SUMMARY:

- Mikael Snitker-Magin updated the committee on efforts to develop closed-captioning services for faculty delivery of materials for deaf, ESL, and other students with different learning styles. Members suggested partnering with TDMP, Sharon Hamel in Media Services, and perhaps Academic Service Learning to

initiate funding for a pilot project for TDMP students to digitize all forms of media for closed-captioning use in the classrooms. Mikael reported that the equipment and software (a one-time expense) is estimated at approximately \$4,000.

- Members unanimously supported Todd Stanislav's request to partner in bringing Kristen Renn to campus in the fall. <https://www.msu.edu/~renn/vita.htm> She might be able to present on issues that intersect for LGBTQ students and students with disabilities. There was discussion as to whether she would come during faculty week, or whether we would encourage her to come when she could also present to or work with students.
- Members reviewed the Task Force Committee Review Rubric completed by Dr. Johnston and forwarded to the Academic Senate. Members generally concurred with the overall assessment, and discussed the ways in which the issues are being addressed by the current committee.
- Members briefly reviewed the diversity efforts of departments and units. Mikael and Michael Hu both discussed the plans (or lack thereof) for Business and DSS. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting. Ann discussed these efforts as they relate to the FLITE self-study.
- Members briefly discussed the mission and goals for the committee, but due to time constraints, decided to table further discussion until the February meeting. In discussing the role of the committee as a potential advisory board to the academic senate on matters of diversity, members discussed the perceived lack of civility in the classroom. Mischelle distributed a handout from the CHE regarding incivility directed at female faculty. Members discussed whether this was an issue that might be addressed during faculty week or perhaps in training provided to faculty by FCTL. Ann reported that a belief that there was a resource list on incivility in the classroom, and agreed to try to locate and update it.
- Members ate the cake in celebration of Megan's graduation in December!

Respectfully submitted,

Mischelle Stone, Chair