

October 10, 2017

Senate Diversity Minutes

Present: Anil Venkatesh, Anuli Njoku, John Scott Gray, Felix Bollou, David McCall, Heather Symon-Bassett, and Kristin Conley (submitted notes)

Absent: Adnan Dakkuri, Nathan Leatherman, Mike Mendenhall, and Eric Warner

Election of chair- Anil Venkatesh was nominated as the committee chair for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Bylaws:

- Meeting schedule-a Doodle will be sent out to find a date each month that works for all.
- Structure- most meetings will take on a round table structure
- Officers- The group nominated Eric Warner as vice-chair or chair in waiting; Kristin Conley will take notes for the fall semester and Heather Symon-Bassett will take the spring semester.

Last Meeting Follow-ups

1. Eric reported that there is some attendance issues, which he feels, is related to advertisement; Todd Stanislav ran some micro-aggression trainings on campus.
2. The committee will give an update at the November senate meeting. Anil will help Kristin prepare a report.
3. Endless Opportunities:
 - Anil gave an update on his work with the Endless Opportunities mentoring program in Grand Rapids; Anuli, Kristin, and Felix discussed topics which they might be interested in presenting. Everyone was encouraged to send Anil an email of interest and he will help coordinate this.

3.2 This Meeting

1. Inviting members from diversity-focused divisions to attend meetings. Whom should we invite?
 - Representatives from OMSS, CLS, RSS, and CAS were mentioned. John Scott Gray was going to invite Paul Zube to discuss social media presence.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.