

President's Committee on Diversity

MINUTES

January 20, 2017

I. Call to order – Jessica Cruz

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendees: Robert Belton, David Boyd, Jill Compton, Jean Essila, Lani Gahiji, Chloe Gerathy, Rachel Harris, Joe Heck, LaMart Hightower, Janet Koski, Victoria Leonhardt, Madison Ngafeeson, Umair Riyas, Jessica Cruz and Marlina Martínez.

II. Approval of agenda and minutes

a. Approval of agenda for 1/20/17

Motion by Belton, second by Hightower, motion approved

b. Approval of minutes from 11/18/16 (postponed until 2/17/17)

III. Introduction of New Members

The committee welcomed new members Belton, Boyd, Essila, Gerathy, Heck and Hightower.

IV. Diversity Common Reader

- Book distribution 1/20 1:30-3 p.m. in the Hedgcock atrium
- Writing competition coordinated by Lisa Eckert
- Cater Wilson will lead a session on the origins of racism, time/date to be determined
- Abigail Wyche will lead a book discussion group
- Other events in the planning.

V. Diversity and Inclusion Officer Update – Jessica Cruz

- Cruz updated the committee regarding the Diversity Student Alliance, a group of student org leaders who are interested in collaborating in diversity/inclusion-related work. They met 12/2 and around 15 participated. They will assist the ODI by serving as a student voice especially when looking at a diversity strategic plan.
- The mini-grant process has been approved; final amounts will be confirmed later. The finance committee from PCOD in addition to two reps from GWG will work together on the vetting and confirming of the grants.

VI. Programming

a. Past events

There were over participants at the MLK walk

b. Upcoming events

NMU Drag show on 2/3 with amateur night on 2/2

VII. Campus Incidents Update

VIII. Good of the Order

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by Marlina Martínez