

UA Diversity Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Location: Campus Drive Deck, Room 174

Present: Virginia Johnson, Dr. Norm Baldwin (chair/facilitator), Dr. Osiris Molina, Dr. Utz McKnight, Dr. Mary Meares, Dr. Meredith Bagley, Stephanie Robinson, Kirkland Back, Brennan Johnson

Absent: Dean Milla Boschung

Items of Discussion

I. Record-keeping and Sharing of Minutes

- a. The task force came to consensus that minutes should be kept, should be shared publicly (at a variety of venues, to be determined), and should comply with Roberts Rules of Order for format.
- b. Dr. Bagley and Dr. Meares agreed to share duties of taking minutes for the initial stages of our work.

II. Task Force Openness:

- a. Members agreed that the make-up of the task force should be shared publicly, via Faculty Senate, CW, and other means
- b. Dr. Baldwin will serve as primary liaison to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, and Faculty Senators Dr. Molina and Bagley will assist in communication with the full Senate.
- c. Consensus was gained for asking the university to create a unique URL for a task force website which can list our membership, preferred mode of communication (likely an email associated with the website or task force for ease of access) and perhaps open fields on the page for input or feedback from the UA community. Dr. Baldwin will initiate the web site design process and Stephanie Robinson agreed to help maintain it.
- d. Dr. Mark Nelson has been invited to address the committee at a date in the near future.
- e. Discussion of relations with media, some tentative consensus was about sharing task force minutes/agenda.
- f. Consensus was gained that these initial, exploratory meetings can be held as closed meetings, but that some manner of open meeting will be required soon to comply with our Faculty Senate charge. Various modes of achieving this openness were discussed.

III. Priorities/Big Picture

- a. Members brainstormed priorities and large-scale factors that we see as important to conditions on campus today and as we move forward with our work. See pg. 2 for these.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next meeting: Tues, Nov 12, 5-6:30pm, same location