Washburn University
Meeting of the Academic Diversity & Inclusion Committee
November 12, 2019
1 PM Shawnee Room

In attendance: Berumen, Brown, Dempsey-Swopes, DeSota, Ellis, Erby, Grant, Juma, Kendall-Morwick, Lambing, McClendon, Petersen, Thimesch, Wasserstein, Williams, Wynn

I.   Minutes from October 8 meeting were approved.
II.   Reports from Student Organization Meetings
III.   Old Business
   1.   Update on Proposed Minor Program: It is moving through the faculty governance process. The proposed gen ed course has been approved, pending CAS approval.
   2.   Update on Multicultural Resource Center: WUBOR approved funds for Union remodeling. Construction will begin mid-December.
IV.   New Business
   1.   Williams and Juma led a discussion of the documents prepared by the affinity groups subcommittee and several committee members recommended revisions. Sundal and Erby will make revisions and send to VPAA for review and discussion.
V.   Announcements
   1.   As part of international education week, there will be a Celebration of Cultures on November 20th in the Union from 4–7 pm.
   2.   BSU t-shirt order forms from Walter are due November 18th.
   3.   Philosophy lecture on the 13th from Dr. Chike Jeffers on "What Counts as a Collective Gift? Culture and Value in Du Bois' *The Gift of Black Folk.*"
VI.   Other Discussion
   1.   The December meeting will focus on WU-mester 2020. Kendall-Morwick also requested discussion of next year's WU-mester topic. Several committee members suggested it should address climate change.
   2.   Wynn announced a conference on March 27th and 28th connected to WU-mester regarding the right to vote. Call for papers is available at http://suffrage.wuhistory.com/. The keynote speaker will be Sarah Deer, faculty at KU in the School of Public Affairs and Administration. She is a McArthur Fellow and has done much work in political engagement focusing on Indian law and victim's rights.
   3.   Erby brought up an idea for a university wide diversity award – one for faculty and one for staff. Let her know if you would like to help in the creation of this award.

Adjournment