

Academic Diversity & Inclusion Committee
Agenda
February 11, 2020 1 PM Shawnee Room

Attendees: Erby, Brown, Dempsey- Swopes, DeSota, Ellis, Etzel, Gibbons, Grant, Hart, Juma, Kendall-Morwick, McClendon, Miller, Petersen, Thimesch, Wasserstein, Williams, Wynn

- I. Approved minutes from the December 10th meeting
- II. Reports from Student Organization Meetings & Sign Ups for Attending Meetings in Spring
 - A. Semester meeting and event sign-up sheet passed around.
- III. Old Business
 - A. WUmester 2020 updates
 - i. Posters and fliers distributed by Erby.
 - B. Feb 21 at 1:00 there is a panel discussion on social media and citizenship with faculty from different disciplines at the Rita Blitt.
 - C. April 23 at 3:30 pm there is a panel on environmental stewardship and citizenship also at Rita Blitt.
 - D. May 7th Carol Anderson, author of *White Rage* and *One Person, No Vote* from Emory University is coming to WU.
 - E. Flonzie Brown Wright event on 2/7 was well attended and received good press. During her visit, Ms. Brown Wright taped an episode of KTWU's *I've Got Issues*, along with Wynn. It will air 2/20/20 and stream afterward.
 - F. Lanker exhibit opening 2/14/2020. There are gallery guides that may be useful for the classes.
- IV. Campus Climate Survey Update
 - A. Current response rate after one week is 17 percent students and 34 percent for faculty and staff.
 - B. Dempsey-Swopes announced that students are tabling to encourage students to take the climate survey. Students under 18 are not included in the survey.
 - C. When the results are in, there will be focus groups and town hall meetings and there will be opportunities for committee members to get involved in the analysis.
- V. Minor Program Update
 - A. Currently going through the CAS approval system. Social science has approved and it's on the way to the CSCCC in February. Once approved, it will be sent to Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate, and WUBoR.

- B. Please speak to your department and school regarding the minor moving forward and encourage support for it.
- VI. New Business
- A. Deans' and President's Lists are not currently using students' preferred names. Committee unanimously approved a resolution that that they should going forward.
- VII. WUmester 2021
- A. Kendall-Morwick drafted a description for the topic *sustainability*.
 - i. Committee members brainstormed programming ideas.
 - ii. Topic and topic description unanimously.
 - iii. Erby will take to Dr. Mazachek to ask for executive staff approval.
- VIII. Announcements
- A. Call for papers for Right to Vote Conference at Washburn- deadline extended to February 17th
 - i. Mostly undergraduate work for people who are working on papers over political perspectives and involvement in voting. Sarah Deer, who writes about native women and suffrage, will be the keynote speaker at 4 pm March 27th.
 - B. Call for papers for the 7th Annual Gender & Sexuality in Kansas Conference
 - C. Self-nominate or nominate someone from the committee for one of the CTEL awards
 - D. Hostile Terrain: August 4 through November 3, 2020 (Williams)
 - i. The Mulvane will be one of 100 locations globally that is hosting this exhibit.
 - ii. Composed of toe-tags, one for each of 4,000 people who have been found crossing the border. The exhibit includes a 20 foot wide map with locations marked with the tag which includes where they were found, personal information, and QR codes with video of the person's relative speaking about them and why they were crossing.
 - iii. Need to mobilize the creation of the exhibit. There are many WUmester events related to this over the course of the semester where people can help make tags; may need to continue into the summer.
 1. February 18th Strangers In Town
 2. Next stand-alone event is is February 28 from 1-3 in Henderson.
 3. March 5th Luis Estrada, Mexican Immigrant and Topeka Community Organizer wil be visiting campus

- iv. While open, there will be speakers on campus, including anthropologists and indigenous leaders speaking about about immigration and climate change, movies, poetry and digital story telling workshops.
- v. Goals include political intention and to create a witnessing of those who passed.

IX. Adjourned 12:55