

Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes

12/04/2009

In attendance

Kim Bobby, Ayanna Drakos, Lisa Ferrari, Pepa Lago, Yoshiko Matsui, Susan Owen, Michel Rocchi, Steve Soule, David Sousa, and Justin Tiehen.

- I. The meeting was called to order by the chair at 13:05, and the minutes of the previous committee meeting were approved after a question from Drakos regarding faculty involvement in the coalition building discussed during the previous meeting. The minutes were approved without changes.
- II. Owen suggested moving the meeting to a more suitable space. Ferrari stated that the office of the Associate Dean will schedule the first meeting of the semester and will look for available space to move the meetings to.
- III. Ferrari reported on a meeting with Randy Nelson where he requested that the diversity committee provide some questions (3 or 4), to be included in the senior survey, focusing on students' perceptions on their experience at Puget Sound and improvements needed. A brief discussion followed regarding the nature and format of the questions to be included in the survey.
- IV. Owen shared an advanced copy of the letter to be sent to the faculty community with an invitation to participate in the next Race and Pedagogy Conference that will take place in October 2010.
- V. Owen distributed copies of the new wording proposals for the Bylaw language on Committee on Diversity, which included alternative versions to the current language regarding points 6.H.b.5 and 6.H.b.6. Concerns were voiced over the lack of authority of the Diversity Committee under the current Bylaws language. The discussion that followed included review of the new language drafted by the Faculty Senate and the role BERT plays in relation to specific issues connected to the student body. The committee will be formed under the new rules once the changes to the Bylaws are approved by the Board of Trustees.
- VI. The meeting adjourned at 14:00.

Minutes submitted by Pepa Lago