

Committee on Diversity (CoD) Minutes  
October 14, 2013

Committee members in attendance: Michael Benitez, Aislinn Melchior, Heidi Orloff, Amy Ryken (Chair), Jennifer Utrata, Mike Valentine, and Carolyn Weisz.

Meeting called to order by Amy Ryken at 3:00 pm.

Announcements:

Diversity Advisory Council roll-out will begin October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Planning for the next Race & Pedagogy Conference is beginning. Now's the time if anyone wants to get involved with the Planning Committee.

M/S/P The meeting minutes of 09/30/2013.

New Business:

Discussion of the KNOW overlay requirement continued from the last meeting. Amy will be meeting with the Senate following today's COD meeting to clarify some aspects of KNOW and discuss procedure for bringing it before the faculty. Logistical questions seem to be the current focus of Senate concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for more data on courses that could fulfill the KNOW requirement and how many students have recently taken these courses. This led to further discussion of where to focus our energies- logistics of implementing the overlay or demonstrating the need for such a core requirement.

The need for University leadership and assessment of the degree of faculty commitment to the underlying principles that inform the proposal was discussed. Further discussion about the meeting with the Senate followed along with discussion of tomorrow's faculty meeting.

Further consideration of Diversity Liaisons was postponed until the next COD meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Mike Valentine