

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
DIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
Room 85 Milton Hall
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm by Chair of Diversity Council Hector Sanchez.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Dr. Laura Gutierrez-Spencer, Chair Elect – Diversity Council, Michael Ray, Dr. Festus Addo-Yobo, Dr. Cynthia Bejarano, Trudy Luken, Nadia Montoya, Abby Nayra

Guest: None

III. Old Business:

Discussion about the Presidential Search 2018 and the role of the Diversity Council in the search.

Dr. Spencer drafted a memo to the Board of Regents (memo attached) requesting the “search Council reflect the composition of the State of New Mexico in race, ethnicity, gender and sexual identity”.

- The letter was sent to the Board of Regents on September 26, 2017
- Everyone worked on the letter and provided feedback
- Discussion about checking to see the composition of the previous Presidential Search Committees
- Noted the institution has never had a full time minority President – Acting: Ana Quezada and Bill Flores
- Noted good to have one or two people from the Diversity Council
- Search slated for Spring 2018

IV. Pending Business:

a. Call vote for officer of Diversity Council

Secretary

Chair Sanchez relayed the fact that we did not have a Secretary for the Diversity Council. He stated that Carol Hicks was interested in being the Secretary. Called for a motion to accept Carol B. Hicks as Secretary for the Diversity Council. Michael Ray motioned to accepted Carol B. Hicks as Diversity Secretary with acclamation, Hector Sanchez second, all in favor voted “Aye”, against “Nay”. Motion carried. Carol B. Hicks is the Secretary of the Diversity Council.

b. Roll Call – quite a few members of the Council were missing. It was noted all units were not represented. Chair stated that he would contact the colleges about representatives for the Diversity Council

V. Announcements/Updates

a. DACA – Dr. Laura Gutiérrez-Spencer

- Provost charged Dr. Spencer to develop website to contain information on DACA
- Website is on the Chicano Programs website – click undocumented and DACA students, click on square, then click on DACA website
- Contains urgent advice about the expiration date for DACA status. Student will need to have applications in by October 5, 2017 if their DACA status expires by March 2018.
- There is a non-profit group paying for DACA reauthorization
- There is contact information for an Attorney

- CAFÉ has DACA clinics
- Information is constantly being updated
- DACA affects students, faculty and staff. Creates anxiety
- Chancellor sent out letter to the university community, wanting to reassure the students
- Provost is concerned and there is thought that ICE can come on campus
- Police department is offering no guarantees. Police are open but this is not their first priority
- The DACA issue is politically driven

b. Announcements

- Hispanic Heritage Month – Teaching Academy hosted forum “Hispanic Students Speak Out: testimony of Students’ Experience at NMSU
- DR. Adobo – Starting a Youth NAACP on campus. This will help students feel protected when things happen.
- LULAC is hosting the Dios Dos Muertos Program – everything needed for this day is being sold by Walgreens
- LULAC National Office matches student organizational scholarships
- NMSU scored high on the Veteran’s Upward Bound Competition, but not high enough to be funded. Since this was a first time program the competition was stiff because we had to compete with the Priority Preference Points for (15) which previous programs have based on performance year 2,3,4, of their current grant.
- CAMP Program was renewed – 5-year funding. Program is structured a little differently than previous program. This program is split commuter and residential. Students will live home or in the dorms based on need.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: