



University Student Union
California State University, Northridge

Diversity and Inclusion Committee
MINUTES
Friday, April 13th, 2018, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tujunga Room

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:04am by Chair Benkovic.

II. Roll Call

Present	Absent	Staff	Guest (s)
Evelyn Arnold		Kingson Leung	Agustín Garibay
Frank Benkovic		Freddie Sánchez	Bhernard Tila
Matthew Contreras			Patrina Croisdale
Jaleesa Herrington (Arrived Late 11:30am)			Amber Bartmus
Mictlantecuhtli Nuñez			VRC Student Staff
Rocio Rivera-Murillo (Arrived Late 11:10)			
Michelle Olmedo- Torres			

III. Open Forum

Agustin Garibay, Assistant Director, Diversity Initiatives (He/Him/His or They/Them/Their) attended meeting. They will be attending the meetings moving forward.

IV. Approval of Agenda

M/S/P (Contreras/Olmedo-Torres) to approve the meeting agenda for April 13, 2018.

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

V. Approval of Minutes

M/S/P (Contreras/ Nuñez) to approve Minutes from March 9, 2018.

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

VI. Chair's Report

Reminder to attend the USU End of Year Celebration taking place on May 4th. Please be part of it as the Diversity & Inclusion Ad-Hoc committee. Chair Bekovic will follow-up with email.

Attended the Facilities & Commercial Services committee and there was discussion about gender inclusive restrooms in the Sol Center. Similar conversation to what we heard from Pride Center at our last meeting. It moved to the BOD as an action item for the April 16th meeting. Please attend to share the needs of students and support the action item. We anticipate that if it passes, construction will begin in the Fall 2018.

Thank you for voting in the USU Elections, Bhernard Tila and Chair Benkovic were elected for the 2018-2020 BOD position.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Veterans Resource Center Site Visit + Conversation

The Diversity & Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee spent too much time with the Pride Center and need to have a time certain with VRC from 11:15am -12:15pm in order to discuss the remaining discussion items and the Action Item.

Full detailed discussion in recorded in separate document.

B. Co-Sponsorship Policy Review

Tabled conversation to April 27th.

C. Student Union Comparison Guideline

Please continue comparing your institutions. Some institutions do not have a Student Union, revisiting the Florida institution. Discussed that San Francisco State doesn't have a Union, determined that they do – called the César Chávez Student Center. Please continue identifying what it is that they have. We will share findings at the last meeting. Also, Chair Benkovic will send email with template to submit the information.

VIII. Action Items

A. Committee Member of the Year Award

M/S/P (Olmedo-Torres/Arnold) to approve the recognition of Diversity & Inclusion Member of the Year nominee for the End of Year Awards.

Matthew Contreras nominates Michelle Olmedo-Torres for her great leadership, extensive experience and has great dialogue at meetings. At the last meeting, she had great points and demonstrated great leadership. She's very passionate and advocates for what she wants to see happen. She's always thinking of others. Her professionalism is something that I always strive to look up to. Jaleesa Herrington supports nomination.

Miclantecuhtli Nuñez nominates Rocio Rivera-Murillo for her passion and delivery. Always has insightful perspective and is unapologetic. She shows her raw emotions and demonstrates how much she cares. It is great to have her on the committee. She is always an active participant and brings people to the table. Evelyn Arnold supports nomination.

Evelyn Arnold nominates Miclantecuhtli Nuñez for their impact on the committee and the passion they demonstrate when discussing topics. They always have great insight and extremely thought provoking.

All three nominees accepted their nominations. Committee voted on nominations and Michelle Olmedo-Torres received the most votes.

Michelle Olmedo-Torres also served as a main contributor for this year's BOD Elections video so it should be added to her nomination.

Committee recommends Michelle Olmedo-Torres as the Diversity & Inclusion Ad-hoc committee Member of the Year.

Motion passed (6-0-0)

IX. Announcements

N/A

X. Adjournment

Chair Benkovic adjourned meeting at 1:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freddie Sánchez
Executive Secretary