



***President's Committee on Diversity***

**AGENDA**

April 19, 2019

1:30 - 3:00 p.m., 109 Cohodas Hall

- I.** Call to order  
The meeting was called to order at 1:35  
Present: Boyd, Brozzo, Compton, Essila, Harris, Haji, Hightower, Kimball, Koski, Languell, LaPointe, Mendoza, Rasheed-Wilson, Sojourn, Weiringa, Xu, Jessica Cruz, Marlina Martínez  
Absent: Hetler, Leonhardt, Ngafeeson, Nicholas, Rooney, Stulz, Wiles
  
- II.** Approval of agenda and minutes
  - a. Approval of agenda for 4/19/2019  
Motion by Compton, second by Boyd; motion approved
  - b. Approval of 3/15/2019 minutes  
Motion to approved amended minutes by Harris, second by LaPointe; motion approved
  
- III.** Office of Diversity and Inclusion Update
  - Cruz announced the appointment of a new member of the Board of Trustee, Bridget Summers. Summers is a former Director of Global Operations with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, earned her B.A. degree in 2017 from National Louis University. She is a currently Vice President of the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce and former board member of the Baraga County Economic Development Corporation, Village of L'Anse Downtown Development Association, and Sacred Heart School Council.
  - The Statewide Hispanic/Latino College Graduation celebration was held on April 5 in Lansing. NMU has been attendance since its inaugural event in 2017. Each year is showing increasing numbers, both at Northern and across the state.
  - The Aim North Detroit program was submitted to the Big Ideas initiative. This would include beginning with middle school to create pathways to higher education. Additional submission to the Big Idea included a daycare proposal submitted through the President's Committee on Gender and Sexuality (PCGS).
  - Members were asked who would be interested in attending the Critical Race Studies in Education Association's conference in California. Rasheed-Wilson, Harris, and Kimball showed interested. Rooney was suggested since she had shown interest in conference attendance in the past.
  - Discussion regarding the Center for Native American Studies. Sojourn requested support letters to help keep the Center's leadership autonomy. Cruz will meet with Sojourn regarding the issue.
  - Tristan Ruiz will be the commencement speaker for the May 2018 ceremony.
  - Congratulations to Dr. Jean Essila for receiving an Outstanding Research award.
  - Congratulations to Juan Mendoza and Maddie Wiles upon their graduation.

- IV.** Census 2020 UP Advisory Committee Update – Victoria Leonhardt
  - Information has been forwarded by email to the committee.
  
- V.** Follow-up on facilities
  - Compton, Cruz, and Koski are working with Kristi Evans (PCGS) regarding bathroom stall signage across campus, for new buildings, and when buildings are renovated.
  
- VI.** Current Events and Campus Incidents Updates
  - Discussion on national events (e.g. domestic bombings, natural disasters, etc.) and if/when/how the university acknowledges them to students. Emails do go out, specifically for regional (natural disasters). The university does not acknowledge every event. Emails have reminders that the Counselling and Consultation Services is available to all students.
  
- VII.** Programming
  - a. Past events
  - b. Upcoming events
  
- I.** Good of the Order
  - Boyd suggested that committee members try to attend/participate in the July 4 parade NMU contingent.
  
- II.** Adjournment
  - The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.