

Multicultural Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025 – 11:00 AM (Online via Teams)

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

II. Committee Members Present: Alvarado-Brizuela, Alejandra; Brothers, Keli; Butler, Juliette; Byrd, Shinika; Ellis, Minnette; Joyner, Amelia; Looser, Melanie; Ogun, Johnson; Rhodes, Tammy; Saunders, Skyler; Sherrill, Lindsey; Wise, Wesley Chase; Zills, Grace

III. Approval of Agenda

1. Motion: A. Alvarado-Brizuela moved to approve the agenda, seconded by J. Butler.
2. Vote: Approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes from the January 22, 2025 meeting were approved via email.

V. Old Business

1. SGEQ Qualtrics Survey

- A. Discussion: There was no discussion on this item at this meeting.
- B. Action: No further action required. Item removed from old business.

2. Executive Director of University Priorities (Update)

- A. Discussion: There was no discussion on this item at this meeting.
- B. Action: No further action required. Item removed from old business.

VI. New Business

1. President's Diversity Award

- A. Discussion: The committee reviewed and evaluated all nominees. It was noted that Dr. Imbrogno's nomination did not include a required recommendation letter. The committee then focused on the remaining two nominees, weighing their respective strengths and weaknesses. M. Ellis clarified that multiple awards were available for both individual and organizational categories. A vote was conducted, with the following results:
 - A. Hongxia Zhao (Individual): 3 votes
 - B. Tiny Cubs (Anne-Marie Irons & Melissa DeFoor): 6 votes
 - C. Jason Imbrogno: 0 votes
- B. Action: The committee selected Dr. Anne-Marie Irons and Dr. Melissa DeFoor as co-recipients of the President's Diversity Award.

2. Major Dewayne Williams (MDW) Scholarship

- A. Discussion: The committee discussed the upcoming award process for the Major Dewayne Williams Scholarship. The application closed on March 1, 2025 but the results have not yet been reviewed. A subcommittee was formed to review applicants and select two recipients based on the scholarship criteria. The subcommittee will consist of:
 - Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela
 - Johnson Ogun
 - Chase Wise
 - Amelia Joyner
 - Dr. Melanie Looser will work with Ms. Hanna Littrell (Student Financial Aid – Scholarships) to conduct an initial screening before passing the applications to the subcommittee for further review.

- B. Action: M. Looser will verify the requirements of the scholarship and present it to the committee. The MDW subcommittee will meet separately to evaluate applicants and will present their recommendations to Dr. Zills by the next meeting.

3. MAC Meeting Schedule & Leadership

- A. Discussion: The committee confirmed that the next meeting will be held on April 30, 2025, to review the MDW scholarship recommendations. Additionally, the committee will need to elect a co-chair for the 2025-2026 academic year at that meeting.
- B. Action: Dr. Melanie Looser will serve as the chair for the upcoming academic year. No further action was taken.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Motion: A. Joyner moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Ogun.
- B. Vote: Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Melanie B. Looser, DNP-RN, MSN, ACNP-BC
MAC, Co-Chair
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