

Multicultural Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 30th, 2025 11:00am online via Teams

Committee Members Present: Alvarado-Brizuela, Alejandra; Brothers, Keli; Butler, Juliette; Byrd, Shinika; Flippo, Cala; Hopkins, Rebecca; Looser, Melanie; Rhodes, Tammy; Sherill, Lindsey; Zills, Grace

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM via Microsoft Teams.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the April 30, 2025, meeting was approved. Dr. Melanie Looser made the motion, and Dr. Hopkins seconded.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2025

The minutes from the March 5th meeting were previously approved via email. No additional revisions were noted.

4. Today's Business

I. Major Dewayne Williams Scholarship Selections

Discussion: The committee reviewed the criteria for the Major Dewayne Williams Scholarship, which prioritizes incoming freshmen or currently enrolled students whose enrollment would enhance the diversity of the University's student population. Applicants must also meet a minimum GPA requirement of 2.5.

A subcommittee was formed to oversee the selection process. Members of the subcommittee included Dr. Melanie Looser, Dr. Wise, Dr. Alverado-Brizuela, Dr. Ogun, and Dr. Joyner. Dr. Looser coordinated the process by emailing the group to establish selection criteria and working with Ms. Hannah Littrell to obtain a filtered list of eligible students. The subcommittee applied additional criteria including financial need and considerations of gender identity and expression, particularly identifying applicants who may have noted transgender or non-binary status.

The subcommittee met virtually on April 28, 2025, to discuss and finalize selections. After thorough review and discussion, the subcommittee recommended the following recipients:

1. Incoming Freshman: Rachel L. Hewgley
2. Currently Enrolled Student: Demetrius J. Shanes

Dr. Looser presented the subcommittee's recommendations and reviewed the selection process with the full committee. There were no objections, and the recommendations were accepted.

II. Action: The committee approved the two scholarship recipients, and their names will be submitted to Ms. Littrell by the May 1, 2025 deadline.

5. Nomination and Vote – Vice Chair, 2025–2026 Academic Year

I. A Vice Chair for the 2025–2026 academic year was not selected during the meeting. The committee will complete this task via email once all active committee members are identified.

II. Action: Vice Chair nomination and vote will be conducted electronically.

6. Chair Confirmation – 2025–2026 Academic Year
 - I. Dr. Melanie Looser was confirmed as Chair for the 2025–2026 academic year.
7. Fall 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - I. The committee did not set a meeting date for the Fall 2025 semester during this session.
8. Adjournment
 - I. A motion to adjourn was made and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Melanie B. Looser, DNP-RN, MSN, ACNP-BC

MAC, Co-Chair

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