

College of Education Diversity Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2011

Present: Sandra Schmidt, Tandra Jackson, Collin Webster, and Julie Rotholz

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Julie handed out copies of the budget. Questions were raised regarding precisely how much money we have remaining in our account. Julie volunteered to get clarification on budget specifics.

The upcoming spring visit of our consultants was discussed. Julie will e-mail Chris and Mark to set a date to talk in order to learn availability and likelihood of a return visit.

Julie shared with the group the availability of Carl Wells to facilitate a session for college faculty on annual file review. As he has done in the past, his session raises awareness of issues for faculty of color and those teaching courses with sensitive content. After learning of the conflicting time constraints on ITE faculty, it was decided to invite him to come from 1 to 2:30 on Friday, January 28.

The climate in the college and in specific departments was discussed. Julie mentioned the ongoing efforts of the University's Diversity Network and the wisdom of our coordinating efforts with them.

Sandra volunteered to draft a statement regarding the Committee's desire that each department have a policy regarding diversity issues and APR file review. She will draft a statement for our next meeting.

We were reminded that we agreed on meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 2:00.

Interest was expressed in the Committee's hosting of another diversity dialogue. In addition, a college-wide symposium on diversity was suggested. Conversations originating in ITE were mentioned, as was the possibility of that department organizing and sponsoring such an event.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55.

Submitted by Julie Rotholz, secretary of the day.