

# College of Education Diversity Committee

4/20/18

## MINUTES

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/363308892>

Attendees: Hani Zainuddin, Joe Waters, Angela Rhone, Carol Tessel, Melissadsc Mariani, Dilys Schoorman, John Hardman

### 1. Welcome

- a. Zonta scholarship for females awarded to Patricia Berchiolli, Dept. Ed Leadership. Thanks to Joe Waters for spearheading this initiative with Dr. Dianne Wright.
- b. Nancy Romance working on a grant associated with FAU as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

### 2. Student Success/Writing Project

Joe met with PBSC team to share concerns about students lagging behind with the FTCE and GK. They are moving towards having students take the tests in the first nine months at PBSC. They are interested in the FAU flight plan. They are open and very keen to meet with FAU and work together.

- a. FAU [Intensive English Institute](#) - Christina Cavage
  - i. Hani discussed this with her department. Katie Wolf works at the Institute.  
Recommendation: Get students to be referred to the institute for services to look up teachers' backgrounds and their particular areas of expertise in writing.
- b. Center for Excellence in Writing
  - i. The Center has shared that they know of at least one student who has some command of Spanish. Jeff Galin will continue collecting information on developing tutor profiles on culture and country of origin.

### 3. AAC&U Diversity Conference – Inconvenient Truths - San Diego

- a. Recommendation: To identify students to participate.  
Action: John will take this up with the Diversity Council
- b. NSSE Survey – Discussion: Create our own, ensure statistical validity, secure IRB approval.  
Benefits: Customization of the survey to include qualitative component and greater depth in the survey items. Drawbacks: loss of comparability with other NSSE institutions.  
Action: John to take up joining the NSSE 'community' with the Diversity Council.

### 4. FAU Diversity Platform Council update

- a. Meeting not till 4/25.
- 5. Ongoing
  - a. Website <http://www.coe.fau.edu/facultystaff/committees/diversity.php>
    - i. Diversity Committee Minutes have been added.
    - ii. Items to include: Publications, thought pieces to be shared with the College on a regular basis.
- 6. Other
  - a. CCEI has developed an Undergraduate minor in Diversity and Global Studies (4 courses – two required and two elective) geared towards students of diverse backgrounds. Could spark interest in other colleges with large underrepresented student populations.
- 7. Next meeting – TBD in August.

**Diversity Committee Membership**

Traci Baxley	CCEI
Dilys Schoorman	CCEI
Hanizah Zainuddin	CCEI
Joe Waters	OASS
Angela Rhone	TL
Carol Tessel	CSD
Melissa Mariani	CE
Amanda Propst Cuevas	ELRM
John Hardman	ELRM
Jennifer Percival	Graduate Student ELRM

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Valerie Bristor	Dean, COE
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