

College of Education Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes

3-20-2020

Attendees (Meeting via Zoom): Dr. Schoorman, Iris Minor, Dr. Lapp, Dr. Dukes, Joe Waters, Dr. Vasquez, Dr. Tessel, Dr. Zainuddin.

Approval of minutes: Committee agreed to change the wording of validation to piloting. For example, 'there is a necessity for piloting the survey through focus groups'. This was completed in response to the fact that with such a small sample size we are unable to provide true content related validity.

The minutes from 12/13/19, 1/17/20, and 2/21/20 were approved.

Dept reports: All departments are working towards transferring to online learning. Student services are conducting advising through Zoom. They can be reached as coeadvising@fau.edu.

Diversity survey: The Dean suggested some minor changes such as putting the plural -s after students(s), these changes were added.

Dilys has been working with John Cahill from IEA to build the survey the Qualtrics. An updated copy will be sent to FASC. The committee reviewed the survey online and a discussion ensued regarding use of optional instead of mandatory questions. A decision was made to allow students the option of providing information regarding their disability status and department affiliation, etc.

The committee agreed it would be best to table the survey and reassess closer to Fall semester when our schedules might be back to 'normal'.

Going forward: A discussion took place regarding what could the committee do in the meantime? Can we find a way to reproduce something like the coffee talks on the Davie campus?

A comment was made about how we could improve the COE aesthetic when we return to campus? Possibly more color? More pictures/posters of diversity?

The committee agreed to send out an email to departments to ask how many students do not have access to a computer/internet when it is currently needed given the circumstances. Dilys will draft an email for representatives to send out.