

Minutes from PETF meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2020

Meeting was held virtually on zoom

Members present: Chairs Suzanne (Sukey) Waldenberger, Emily Weinacker and Jerald Monahan Diane Ryan, Mike Ruddell, Thatcher Bohrman, Andrew Winters, Charlotte Dunnigan, Bradi Rhodes, Jennifer McCormack, Gwendolyn Payne, Tania Sheldahl, Kari Warne (student), Lisa Raygozaf

Guest presenter: Janice Soutee

Emily opened the meeting asking the attendees if there were any objections to the meeting being recorded. Hearing none, this meeting was recorded for the purposes of taking meeting minutes.

Thatcher asked about student involvement and participation in the PETF, particularly various student groups and clubs that exist already. Additional discussion with other related agenda items added to this conversation. Sukey mentioned the BIPOC group had their first meeting and Tania added that information from the PETF could be pushed out to the various student groups while looking for feedback from those groups on what is being discussed and implemented.

Thatcher presented the idea of a Grand Council which may involve representation or attendance from the various groups who are discussing issues that are related to the mission and purpose of the PETF. The Grand Council could be a meeting or similar large event to pull all together. This idea will continue to be developed and an update will be on a future agenda.

Kari Warne, an honors student and part time safety officer, is a member of the TF and joined the meeting late as she had a call for service on campus.

Janice Soutee presented on the student group called "YC Untied" Monica Belknap is the co adviser with Janice to this group of 22 students. They have come up with their own logo and swag to incentivize interest and participation. They meet on Fridays between 2 and 2:30 p.m. and discussion revolves around similar issues that the PETF are discussing. Updates from YC Untied may serve as a regular agenda item for the PETF as the mission and goals of the two groups are related. This group has its own mission statement and outcomes. (reach out to Janice and include her presentation in our notes)

Discussion occurred then about being formal partners with this and other groups who share our mission and goals.

Janice mentioned our marketing and how pictures may portray only one demographic of student. Discussion occurred about marketing and how we must watch for opportunities to get pictures that may represent all of our students. The group suggested adding a goal to the PERF goals list for this.

Sukey mentioned the first meeting of BIPOC and how this first meeting was to just get people of color together and beginning the conversation about getting together. The group agreed to meet again and next meeting will be September 25th, noon to 1 p.m. Meeting announcements in the future will go out different, the use of NEWSFLASH went out with a short notice. Positive discussion and the group wants to continue.

Discussion about formalizing the BIPOC to include a mission statement and specific topics to address. Ty Payne agreed to take the lead as “master of ceremonies” for this group. Conducting a survey was one thing this group discussed.

BIPOC will be providing updates as a regular agenda item to the PETF.

Thatcher gave an update on the Website designed to speak to the work of the Equity TF. He asked about adding the various member names as well as a calendar of events. TF members did not object to the names on the website and then discussion occurred about the various ways events could be added to the calendar. Janice Emily mentioned how a filter could be used reference the YC calendar that would then show specific topics and events based on the filter. Bradi mentioned that there could be an equity check box as a filter in a YC calendar.

Emily addressed the Equity Statement for the college, it was discussed that YC as a campus should have an equity statement. Discussion also centered around what other groups have similar statements, i.e. the Respect Campaign. Sukey will locate that information. Several TF members offered to work with Emily and Sukey on the statement idea. (Bradi and Gwen).

Discussion about student demographics occurred, Tania will follow up with Tom Hughes about this. Bradi has additional information from other groups about how this could happen. She will email Tania the information. Emily asked Bradi to send it to her as well for potential inclusion with employee demographics.

Conversation then occurred about TLC. Concern raised about low cost and no cost for our students and how this is listed. Karen Palmer is on both the TLC and OER commit and will bring issues back to the committees. Emily mentioned this had been addressed with a vote of 7 to 4 and send it back to OER committee. It was mentioned that maybe this topic didn't belong with this TF, Sukey mentioned that Dr. Rhine said low cost is not good enough, we want no cost. Dr. Ryan mentioned that discussion on this topic needs to happen in the OER committee, Sukey then mentioned that this is an equity issue as well. Emily indicated that since the OER committee had made the original decision that it should be sent back to them for further discussion.

Tania asked a question about the *There There* book and wanted to know more about the possible roundtable discussion about the book. Sukey let her know it is being worked on and advised of what the delays were.

It was mentioned that Ty Payne presented a national webinar for campus safety to an audience of over 400 campus safety professionals. The webinar organizer mentioned it was the best presentation he had seen in 25 years of scheduling these. Ty spoke on COVID-19, mental health crisis interventions and early warning indicators, and the work of the PETF.

Next meeting, Thursday, October 1st, 9 a.m.