President's Commission on Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity and Diversity
General Meeting
February 24, 2016


I. Intro
   a. Approve January 27, 2016 Minutes
      Motion by Reyes-Cuevas to approve minutes; seconded by Delate. The minutes were approved as amended.

II. Old Business
   a. Affirmative Action Day
      Planning continues for the Affirmative Action Day program, to be held on Wednesday, March 23rd from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in University Hall 1050. Cottle distributed the draft program. Meneghin encouraged members to attend and to invite a colleague. The March 9th edition of “Red Hawk News” will include the AA Day announcement. Cottle requested that suggestions, comments and questions to pose to each panelist be emailed to him. There will be light refreshments, including fresh fruit available. If additional funding is available, a stand for the signage and buttons will be ordered.

   b. Sponsorship
      Cottle updated that $2,350 has been spent on various PCAAEO sponsorships. A balance of $500 remains, and he requested members to contact him as soon as possible if another sponsorship opportunity arises.

   c. Library Display
      The display is ready. Meneghin thanked committee members Petrozzello, Re and Rogers for coordinating this effort. All were encouraged to visit the Library to view the display on the history of Affirmative Action.

III. Other

Rogers announced that she is working to have Prof. Larycia Hawkins do a presentation via Skype in one of her classes. Meneghin added that the Commission cannot allocate funding to pay a speaker.

Cascarano announced the Body Acceptance Week presentations, including “The Mirror Project” and discussion groups throughout the week.
Rogers announced a conversation with students on March 1st on Ethics, which is being co-sponsored by the Research Academy for University Learning (RAUL).

McArdle announced Senator Menendez will be on campus on March 6th to present an award to Soledad O'Brien.

Cottle announced the Afro Latin Forum was today at 4:00 pm.

Reyes-Cuevas announced that the Carlos Ortiz Tribute is scheduled for May 3rd at 1:00 pm in Dickson Hall.

Diaz announced an Active Minds event on February 25th at 3:00 pm, which will feature a panel discussing issues including body image, disability, race, gender.

Meneghin announced that Hawk Sync and In the Loop will be combined in order to have one source of information via email.

Meneghin updated regarding the scheduling of the Lactation Room in Richardson Hall 236. She is working with colleagues in the Student Center to update “25Live” by providing the appropriate designation for the room, since it not a classroom or meeting room. Meneghin also received an update from VP of Facilities Shawn Connolly that the lactation rooms in Richardson, College Hall, and the Student Center will have a sink in future plans.

Rogers updated that Cornell Brooks is being scheduled for a visit in October/November 2016 or March/April of 2017.

Rogers proposed that the Commission explore faculty development and diversity organizations and networks that look at issues on diversity, recruitment, and development. She asked that the Commission look at how the University can sponsor several faculty members’ membership. Specific information on the organization to review will follow.

Keiser announced that the Center of Pedagogy is working to bring Minnijean Brown Trickey of the “Little Rock Nine” to visit on March 16th. More information to follow.

IV. **Meeting Adjournment** – Motion made by Cottle; Seconded by Reyes-Cuevas; Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by M. Colón