

Faculty Minority Affairs Committee (FMAC) meeting minutes

When: 9-10:30am, Friday, September 25, 2020

Where: Microsoft Teams

Attendance: Stephen Cho Suh, Suhaan Mehta, Deborah Pina-Thomas, Kimbra Smith, Anthony Cordova, Esther Lamidi, Julie Torres, Ilaheva Tuaeone, Tre Wentling, David Kocsis, Max Shulman, Carlos Duarte, Jesse Perez, Cerian Gibbes, Gia Barboza, Edward Chow, Nicholas Martinez, Monica Yoo, Sandy Ho

1. Introductions and announcements [9-9:30]
 - a. Introductions and group check-in
 - b. Visiting Author Series, organized by Leslie Rapparlie and co-sponsored by FMAC, <https://connections.cu.edu/stories/visiting-author-series-set-october>
 - c. Responsible Research Collaborations with Emily Skop, 3pm via Teams
 - d. Carlos Duarte announced annual storytelling event – Kramer Family Library
2. Approved August meeting minutes [9:30-9:35]
3. FMAC Virtual New Faculty Reception update [9:35-9:45]
 - a. 5-6:30pm, Friday, Sept 25 on Zoom
 - b. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3166472622?pwd=SkJNU0Q1d1YU1BxZzlvZXpKblkzQT09>
Meeting ID: 316 647 2622
Passcode: 123456
4. Discussed potential virtual brownbag series for 2020-21 [9:45-9:55]
 - a. Kimbra Smith suggests a series of short informal questions followed by Q&A
 - b. Agreed to start the program in Spring 2021. Begin planning during late fall. Re-approach topic during December FMAC meeting.
5. Discussed procedures for reviewing Fall 2020 FMAC diversity grant [9:50-10:05]
 - a. Will accept proposals from Sept 28 – Oct 25.
 - b. Proposals will be made available on Teams by Oct 26 for committee members to review. If interested in participating in discussion about proposals during Oct 30 meeting, members should review and rank proposals prior to the meeting.
 - c. Monica Yoo asked about measuring “feasibility of plan” during the pandemic
 - i. Kimbra suggested adding a statement to the call that requests faculty to indicate how their project will be feasible during COVID
 - ii. Cerian Gibbes suggested having applicants include contingency plans in their proposals
6. Discussed CU Police conversation with CU Faculty Council. [10:05-10:25]
 - a. Responses to Faculty/staff questions addressed during 9/24 meeting have not yet been made public. FA is in the process of inviting UCCS Chief Pino to November FA meeting.
 - i. Is someone from FMAC able to attend? Stephen teaches during FA meeting so will need a substitute.
 - b. Discussed the possibility of opening up channels of conversation between FMAC and UCCS PD. Will continue discussion in future meeting.
 - c. Carlos suggested inviting FA president, David Weiss, to a future FMAC meeting.
7. Discussed “Divesting in CU Campus Police for Investment in BIPOC” initiative gaining traction at CU Boulder [10:25-10:30]
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c9yKfpHVFZ1tT8iaJlz8I2kIcY4R86oaukrFHQ0Vxjw/edit>
 - b. Read the introductory statement. Tabled for future discussion.
8. Meeting adjourned [10:30]