

## FMAC –Minutes – August 25, 2017

Present: Jeff Montez de Oca, Melissa Benton, Christina Martinez, Edin Mujkic, Maria Sergia Steen, Nick Martinez, Federico Martinez, Jesse Perez, Heather Albanesi, Melanie Fields, Max Shulman, Stephen Suh, Esther O Lamidi, Patty Witkowsky, Edgar Cota-Torres, Carlos Duarte, Kimbra Smith, Janice Gould, Cerian Gibbs, Emily Skop

Guests: Venkat Reddy, Tom Christensen

1. Approval of minutes of meeting 4/28/17
2. Old business
  - a. Fall New Faculty Reception will be held on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 in AOB. Edin Mujkic and Stephen Suh will organize.
  - b. Jesse Perez updated us on VC search; admin is currently setting up schedules for 3 finalists.
  - c. Report on Diversity in Practice subcommittee. Students have completed summer internship and a few GPS faculty members are piloting the program. The subcommittee will present this project to campus through the Just Talk series this September. Kimbra Smith has secured funding to continue student involvement on this project.
3. New Business
  - a. Discussion of flyer expressing anti-veteran sentiment distributed across campus. Cerian Gibbes and Max Shulman volunteered to lead FMAC in showing support to OMSVA and student veterans.
  - b. 10 am—Visit by new Chancellor Venkat Reddy and Provost Tom Christensen
    - i. Further discussion of flyer incident.
    - ii. Discussion on how FMAC can work with campus administration to ensure a more equitable and diverse campus work environment.
    - iii. Plans for town-hall meeting or debates to heighten the level of civil and political discourse on campus and with community.
    - iv. Discussion about updating campus-wide Diversity Strategic Plan; Kimbra will email committee for volunteers to serve on a subcommittee.
    - v. Discussion of need for day-to-day resources that are visible and accessible.
  - c. Christina Martinez, how can we channel the efforts of our more conservative campus partners to increase the level of dialog on campus.
    - i. Kimbra will send out emails to recruit volunteers.
  - d. Fall awards competition schedule will be pushed forward
    - i. Patty Witkowsky, Jeff Montez de Oca, and Esther Lamidi will review criteria
  - e. Brief discussion of goals for next year.
  - f. Website review and update
    - i. Kimbra will collect bios
4. Announcements
  - a. Emily Skop: GLINT is interested in developing faculty research, hosting a brown bag series, etc. Portal coming to campus, go see the world!
  - b. New faculty committee, talk to DISC Disability Faculty assembly committee, contact Heather Albanesi