

CAL Diversity Council Minutes

Jan. 18, 2017

Appointed Members:

Frances Flannery, flannefl@jmu.edu Phil/Rel (Chair); Elizabeth Pass, passer@jmu.edu WRTC; Erica Cavanagh, cavanaek@jmu.edu English; Stephen Chappell, chappesx@jmu.edu History; Michael Davis, davismk@jmu.edu SCOM; Yenisei Montes de Oca, monstesyx@jmu.edu Foreign Languages; Alexandra Vilela, vilelaam@jmu.edu SMAD; Heather Scheuerman, scheuehl@jmu.edu Justice Studies; Liam Buckley, bucklelm@jmu.edu Soc/Anth; Jennifer Byrne byrneje@jmu.edu Political Science

In attendance: Flannery, Scheuerman, Chappell, Davis, Pass, Montes de Oca, Buckley, Vilela
Regrets: Cavanagh, Byrne

- I. The Council discussed members' concerns over how unfolding immigration policies at the federal level would affect the 22 DACA students at JMU. We discussed the fact that President Alger was one of 634 College and University Presidents or Chancellors to sign the "Statement in Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and our Undocumented Immigrant Students," which may be found here: <https://www.pomona.edu/news/2016/11/21-college-university-presidents-call-us-uphold-and-continue-daca> . The Council will attempt to stay apprised of legislation affecting our 22 students.
- II. Two members, Dr. Scheuerman and Dr. Davis, will apply to the CFI to lead a May Symposium on "Facts Matter," which will include guidelines for teaching students to separate real news from fake news and how to vet sources for reliability and bias. A focus on facts related to diversity matters will be included.
- III. Nearly the entire Council agreed to contact the New Faculty Academy to volunteer as a group to host a session on diversity at JMU, with each member taking up a different aspect of diversity. Proposed topics include: demographics of Harrisonburg, Title IX, Accessibility (ADA), first generation college students, religious diversity, and LGBTIQ inclusion on campus.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Flannery