

# CAL Diversity Council Minutes

October 15, 2015, 11am

Harrison 1131

Present: Andreas Broscheid (POSC, scribe), Stephen Chappell (HIST), Jannifer Davis (Soc/Ant), Mike Davis (SCOM), Frances Flannery (Phil/Rel), Christine Robinson (JUST), Vanessa Rouillon (WRTC), Alexandra Vilela (SMAD)

Stephen Chappell provided home-made macaroons as an additional agenda item, to the acclaim of all council members.

## 1. Announcements

See [here](#). In addition:

- a. Applications for Vanessa Rouillon's Peru summer program are due on November 1.
- b. Diversity teach in on November 6. See <https://www.facebook.com/diversityteachin>.
- c. Mike Davis noted the visit of the Rwanda debate team during the last week of October.
- d. A council member asked how to get "into the loop" with respect to Alana. Other members recommended that she contact David Owusu-Ansah in this regard. As part of the conversations, several council members noted that it would be desirable to get a better sense of Alana activities and of whether there is interest of more interaction between Alana and other organizations on campus.

## 2. How to support faculty networking aka mentoring.

This topic received comparatively little attention. The council took a quick count of what is done in the respective departments. To be continued.

## 3. Library resources to support diversity events and programs in CAL.

In the JMU-wide diversity council meeting of September 16, it was reported that the libraries and educational technology diversity resource collection deadline was January 31. Several council members suggested that a "master list" from all departments, to be submitted through the diversity council, might be an effective way to emphasize the need for resources. On the other hand, some departments, such as Justice Studies, had already submitted requests for resources on their own. It was suggested that council members should do the following:

- a. ask members of their department to identify library and technology resources related to diversity that would be worth acquiring, highlighting that these could be acquired with funds that are in addition to regular departmental library funds;
- b. forward lists of these resources to the diversity council , so that they can be submitted to the library.

In addition, Frances Flannery noted that several faculty members around the university had suggested that the library provided a specific area with diversity resources, similar to shelves with newly acquired books. She asked whether this idea had been pursued by the library and David Owusu-Ansah. To the knowledge of the council members, this had not happened.