

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Monday, April 21, 2008

Minutes

Present: Dennis Welch, Pat Hyer, Jean Brickey, Ross Edmonds, Elizabeth Gilboy (for Jack Davis), Maxine Lyons, Ruth Grene, Brad Klein, Kelly Oaks, Sue Ellen Crocker, Ray Plaza, Rick Shingles, Guy Sims (for Zenobia Hikes), Shelia Carter-Tod, Kevin McDonald, Mikhelle Taylor, Hal Irvin, Ann Kilkelly

Absent: Carlos Evia, Sam Camden, Toni Stroter, Virgilio Centeno (for Elisa Sotelino), Stevan Jackson, Kim Beisecker, Patricia Smith, Deborah Morgan, Daphne Rainey, Toni Stroter

Guests: Claude Steele, Jill Sible, Jennie Reilly

I. Call to Order

Ruth called the meeting to order and asked Kevin to provide an update on a recent HBCU initiative. On May 19-20 the five HBCUs in the Commonwealth and one from outside the state, Oakwood University, will visit Virginia Tech to meet with department heads and others to explore the potential for joint programs, faculty development, grant development, etc. So far the response has been positive. This visit will coincide with VT joining the Virginia-Nebraska Alliance.

II. Special Presentation

Jill Sible, associate professor of biology, shared a presentation on teaching for inclusion and diversity.

The meeting was adjourned for taskforce work at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia P. Cohen, Secretary to the Commission