



**UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 16TH, 2018, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
TUJUNGA ROOM**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Frank Benkovic at 11:10am.

II. Roll Call

Present	Absent	Staff	Guest (s)
Rocio Rivera-Murillo	Jaleesa Herrington	Kingson Leung	Diego (presenter)
Michelle Olmedo-Torres	Evelyn Arnold	Freddie Sánchez	
Mictlantecuhtli Nunez			
Matthew Contreras			

III. Approval of Agenda

M/S/P (M.Olmedo-Torres / M. Nunez) to approve the meeting agenda for February 16, 2018.

Amendment passed 3-0-0.

M/S/P (M. Nunez / M.Olmedo) Amendment to the motion to update the order of Action Items

Change the order of Action Items to have the appointment of Matthew Contreras be the first action item. This would allow the entire committee to vote on the next action item, which impacts everyone including Matthew if approved by the committee.

Main Motion, as amended passed 3-0-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes - December, 8th 2017

M/S/P (M.Nunez / M. Olmedo-Torres) Motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2017 meeting.

Motion passed 3-0-0.

V. Chair's Report

Chair Benkovic welcomed everyone back to the committee. Chair Benkovic shared goals with the committee to ensure everyone had the updated goals that were approved at last committee meeting.

Chair Benkovic shared with everyone the BOD Elections video and asked everyone if they were interested in running for a position to please do so. The deadline to run for a position is March 12, 2018.

Chair Benkovic talked about the CSUN Orientation program and asked if anyone was interested in becoming an orientation leader to let him know. He reminded everyone that the position is part of the Office for Student Involvement and Development and not the USU.

VI. Action Items

A. Appointment of Matthew Contreras

M/S/P (R. Rivera-Murillo / M. Nunez) Motion to appoint Matthew Contreras as a member of the Diversity & Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee.

Chair Benkovic explained that Pulido was no longer part of the Diversity & Inclusion Ad Hoc committee because of their DC internship and Matthew Contreras submitted an application to join the committee. Matthew Contreras provided a brief speech stating that he serves as co-president for the CSUN Queer Collective student organization and also serves on the LGBTQ Advisory Board. He is interested in working with underrepresented students because often times they are not seen or heard. He hopes to bring a different perspective through their own opinion and analysis of experiences as a CSUN student. He wants to provide the USU with a voice from students who are often unheard.

Motion passed 3-0-0.

B. Meeting Dates

M/S/P (M.Contreras/ R. Rivera-Murillo) Motion to approve the Spring 2018 dates and Times for Diversity & Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee meetings:

- Friday, February 16th from 11 am – 1 pm (Tujunga Room)
- Friday, March 9th from 11 am – 1 pm (Calabasas Room)
- Friday, April 13th from 11 am – 1 pm (Tujunga Room)
- Friday, April 24th from 11 am – 1 pm (Tujunga Room)
- Friday, May 11th from 11 am – 1 pm (Tujunga Room)

Motion passed 4-0-0.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Committee Site Visits + Conversation

Chair Benkovic led group discussion on purpose of resource center site visits. He asked committee members to start thinking about what they wanted to know when they started visiting different cultural centers in the USU. The committee provided questions and thoughts with a main focus on how the resource centers are providing intersectional resources and programs for students. The committee wants to know how students who frequent the spaces are impacted (if any) by the national climate and how the USU can provide additional (if any) resources to positively support students. A series of questions were formulated and will be compiled by the Executive Secretary. Thought starters will be created based on questions that arose from discussion that will be provided to the resource centers so they can engage in dialogue with their teams prior to the site visits.

B. Select Universities to Compare

Chair Benkovic provided the committee with a list of campuses (UC, CSU and out of state) and asked the committee to look at the institutions so they could discuss which 5 campuses they would use to analyze and compare the University Student Union. Committee members reviewed the list of institutions that have similar demographics and campus size as CSUN. The committee decided to review and compare the following five campuses:

- California State University, Fullerton
- San Francisco State University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- Florida International University
- University of Houston

C. Revolutionary Scholars: Building a Prison to College Pipeline

Committee Member Rocio Rivera-Murillo conducted a presentation to the committee on Revolutionary Scholars: Building a Prison to College Pipeline. Revolutionary Scholars is a CSUN campus organization to support formerly incarcerated individuals to transition into the CSUN campus to be scholars and pursue a higher education degree. The presentation was co-presented with graduate student, Diego. The presentation was informative and provided the committee an opportunity to understand the challenges that formally incarcerated individuals have when they try to reintegrate into an academic setting. The

presenters discussed the prison pipeline being created and the rapid expansion of prisons in the country compared to that of higher education facilities.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

Chair Benkovic adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Freddie Sanchez
Executive Secretary