

Minutes for Diversity Council for February 2nd, 2016
Rose Room, 2 pm to 3 pm

1. President's Diversity Task Force

- The first meeting was 1/19/2016: This meeting was informational.
 - Defining what diversity means institutional wide.
 - Creating a charter to set goals for the Task Force
 - Something substantive to come from the Task Force
 - A possible lecture series is being worked on
 - Next meeting is Thursday 2/4/2016
- Survey is planned to go out prior to Spring Break (*after potential modification*)
 - Diversity council concerns if there are too many questions on the survey
 - Statisticians will walk away
 - Offer to present two surveys. The 1st is the one constructed by the Diversity Council. The 2nd is the Task Force survey

2. Top 3 Goals from the Diversity Plan (What is priority for Diversity?)

- Completion of survey
- Diversity Plan adopted
- Diversity Center

3. Foundation Funds & Capital Funds

- INNOVATION COMPETITION--->Submit Selensia's Diversity Center Proposal

Potential open space

- ❖ Bursary
- ❖ Powell Hall
- ❖ Georgia Ave house on sale

Space utilization: use space that VSU already has

Keep in mind** Open access for our students. If functions are to occur at night, we want to have a building that is safe and secure and potential in a central location

Thoughts of Name for the center

- ❖ Diversity Center
- ❖ Center of Inclusivity (COI)

4. History of Diversity Council- Dr. Lovern & Dr. Viverette

When the Diversity Task force was asked, why other diversity committees not consulted? No measurable outcomes were available, so the Task Force was created

- Document the Diversity Council correspondence.
 - Who checked what and what recommendations were given
- Document what has been done

5. Safe Space Blog

- Email from anonymous source about the offering of Safe Space.
 - i. Source does not think VSU should be offering Safe Space
- Gives VSU a potential to have dialogue about ally support and their experiences.

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