

## Commission on Human Diversity

### *Meeting Minutes*

March 5, 2020 11-12 AM, MSU 324

Committee Chair: Mark Wolfmeyer

Committee Members: Paige Brookins, Hannah Hotalen, Deborah Duenyas, Jerry Schearer, Bruce Gottschall

Volunteer Committee Members:

- 1) Call to Order: 11:04
- 2) **Approval of Minutes February 13, 2020 meeting:** Motion to approve: Bruce Gottschall; Seconded: Hannah Hotalen
- 3) Debrief 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference

Attendee numbers: Jerry provided attendance numbers indicated 206 total attendees who formally checked-in at the conference registrations table. Mark stated 156 individuals pre-registered online indicating the total conference attendance was higher than the formal check-in numbers provided.

Feedback from attendees: Mark reported that the evaluations were overwhelmingly positive.

General debrief, notes for next year: The committee provided general feedback regarding the keynote speaker and closing presenter. Overall, the committee felt both presenters were informative and professional. Mark discussed some of the last-minute driving arrangements for the speaker. The committee felt there was a good balance of topics. The committee also discussed the possibility of another venue for next year, the lighting in MSU 116, increasing the number of programs, and more support at the registration table.

- 4) Social justice award: Jerry stated that he would ask Donovan McCargo regarding the possibility of presenting the social justice award at Unity Day. Mark said he would place an ad for the award in Bear Essentials and The Daily Brief.
- 5) Commission website: Mark discussed updating the CHD website. Ideas that were considered include, updating/moving the old page from the library website to the senate webpage, uploading historical pictures of commission activities, putting the

recent video developed for the conference onto the website, Mark requested information regarding the committee's history by the end of the semester. Mark will contact Mary Bononno about what information is possible to place on the website and collect information from committee members.

- 6) Human diversity on campus – The committee discussed broad themes regarding the state of human diversity on the campus as it relates to the commissions charge. Themes that were discussed include issues related to free speech for students, protests on campus, and the rights of student groups.
- 7) Reports from Representatives and Liaisons (as needed)
  - a) Commission on Status of Women
  - b) Commission on Status of Minorities
  - c) Disability Services Office: Jerry reported that LGBTQ+ will be celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - d) Women's Center
  - e) Multicultural Center: Jerry stated that there will be a new director starting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - f) Office of International Admissions: Jerry reported a failed search for a new faculty member
  - g) Student Affairs/Dean of Students
- 8) As may arise
- 9) **Adjournment:** 11:58

#### SPRING MEETINGS:

February 13, 11 to 12, MSU 324

March 5, 11 to 12, MSU 324

April 9, 11 to 12, MSU 324

May 7, 11 to 12, MSU 324

