

## **Commission on Human Diversity**

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2020 11-12 AM, Zoom

Committee Chair: **Mark Wolfmeyer**

Committee Members: Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, Paige Brookins, Hannah Hotalen, Stephen Stoeffler, Ko-Hsin Hsu, Deborah Duenyas, Muratcan Erkul, Jason Garcia, Jerry Schearer, Bruce Gottschall, Dan Metzger, Melinda Quinones

Volunteer Committee Members:

- 1) Call to Order: 11:00
- 2) Approval of Minutes April 9, 2020 meeting: Motion: Bruce Gottschall Second: Hannah Hotalen
- 3) Discussion: 11<sup>th</sup> annual CHD conference and PASSHE doctoral conference

Invited guest: Dr. Tricia Walsh Coates (EDD program director)

- Tricia discussed the history of doctoral programs at Kutztown University and within the PASSHE system.
- Tricia discussed the benefits joining the CHD conference and a doctoral conference.
- Members discussed the importance of maintaining the integrity of the CHD conference mission and focus on diversity.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the size and scope of the conference, peer review and planning if they were to become a joint venture.
- Tricia stated that the conference would be a broad endeavor and held at different location over time, with the CHD conference being a starting place to get the conference of the ground.
- Discussion regarding rubrics for graduate and undergraduate presentations.
- Discussion regarding the creation of a PASSHE-wide committee for the doctoral conference. This would change the marketing of the conference to state that two committees are coming together this year as a partnership.

- Following-up with Tricia to develop a Working Group that would help to foster this collaboration.
- Possibilities of having Kutztown have a host committee with one person from each of the other campus to help out in some way.
- Mark will reply to Trisha regarding the development of a steering committee for the doctoral conference.

4) Social justice award

- Amy reported that there are currently 4 applicants
- Amy asked the committee for feedback regarding sending the call to collect more applicants.
- Discussion regarding the quality of competitiveness of the 4 applicants and chose to review the 4 that were submitted.

5) Commission website and other summer work

6) CHD leadership for next year

Mark discussed leadership for next year and asked committee members regarding their interest in positions for the Fall.

7) Human diversity on campus –

8) Reports from Representatives and Liaisons (as needed)

a) Commission on Status of Women

b) Commission on Status of Minorities

c) Disability Services Office

d) Women's Center

e) Multicultural Center

- Jerry Schearer announced that the GLBTQ center's name will be changed to the LGBT+ center.

- Jerry asked members to encourage freshman to get involved in Stonewall Community.
- Jerry welcomed Melinda Quinones as the new director of the multicultural center.

Office of International Admissions

- f) Student Affairs/Dean of Students
- 9) As may arise
- 10) Adjournment: 12:00