**California State University, Long Beach**

**Campus Climate Committee Meeting**

March 9, 2016

**2:00 – 3:15 p.m. / AS – 125 Conference Room**

**Please notify the Committee Chair if you are unable to attend.**

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* Call to Order 2:05 pm

Present: Norbert Schürer, Susan Leonard-Giesen, Jeff Klaus, Dina Perrone, Whitney Miller, Nielan Barnes, Anthony Dunbar, Brenda Vasquez, Kathleen Engberg, Keith Freeseman, Jo Brocato, Brandon Gamble,

* Introductions

Guest: Dean Grenot-Scheyer, College of Education, co-chair of Inclusive Excellence Steering Committee

* Approval of Agenda
* Approval of Minutes (Posted on BeachBoard)
* New Business

1. 2:15 TIME CERTAIN - Presentation and Q&A with CSULB Inclusive Excellence Steering Committee Co-Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer (College of Education).

Dr. Grenot-Scheyer presented on the background of the committee: How do we view race, equity, diversity on campus? Stated the President wants to get “in front of” activities happening across our nation. Steering committee charge is short term – this spring only. Upcoming events include this Thursday, March 10, 4:30 facilitated student forum in USU ballroom re: safety; March 23 Forum with steering committee “inclusive excellence” – invitations going out in next day or so to students, faculty, & staff. José Moreno, CLA and Shemitrice Davis, CED will present followed by table conversations. Theme analysis and coding will be done based on info and data received. Ideas include conducting campus climate survey, develop strategic plan.

Q & A

It was suggested to collect data base of existing campus resources, committee structures, etc., including recent work by the CCC on drafting a recommendation for a CSULB comprehensive campus climate survey. There was discussion about overlap with IE steering committee and this CC committee. Will it be perceived as a “top-down” effort? Does it not fall under the charge of this committee? Or will it actually empower us with tools and resources we need? May give us the platform we need. Some of the comments included:

“As long as students’ voices are heard, it doesn’t matter who it is coming from.”

“Glad to see it is happening even if it is a little overlapping.”

When I first heard it about it I thought - What’s the point of this committee then?

LGBTQ committee has representatives from the same groups.

MGS: How do we use this committee to further your work? Resources are the benefit of the IE steering committee. Trust between groups and among people is critical.

* Unfinished Business & Updates

1. Third draft of Recommendations to the AS re-conducting a comprehensive campus climate survey (document is posted on Beachboard)

* Announcements

Norbert Schürer: Expecting strike April 13-15, 18-19

Dina (LGBTQ rep) Issue re: number and location of gender neutral restrooms on campus

Currently not written into new construction guidelines.

Working with residence housing to encourage more themed housing, e.g. LGBTQ + allies

Nielan: Issue of safety will be held in AS-124 today to discuss recent incident of student with knife to in a classroom. Would we like to schedule a safety presentation to this committee? Nielan will seek more info and invite for a 20-30 minute presentation.

“Abortion is Genocide” group on campus next week. Student organizations will provide support for those who want it.

Jeff: Future agenda – Students want additional notification (outside of emergency notification protocol) when events occur on campus. What is an appropriate channel of communication?

* Action Items
* Minor edits to third draft of Recommendations to AS – moved (Jeff Klaus) and seconded (Dina Perrone) to approve and send out. This will be sent to AS Chair for one of the AS upcoming meetings.
* **Reminder: Committee business is conducted electronically via BeachBoard**. Please bring your electronic device or print material to the meeting. All Committee Members are enrolled as instructors in the CCC BeachBoard organization.
* **Next Committee meeting is April 13, 2016. This meeting will be cancelled if there is a faculty strike on this date.**
* Adjournment

Minutes submitted by S. Leonard-Giesen