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Wichita State University – President’s Diversity Council (PDC)
DATE: February 4, 2016
TIME: 9:30a -10:30
LOCATION: Morrison Hall Conference Room

PRESENT: President Bardo, Marche Fleming-Randle, Rhonda Lewis, Jean Griffith, Moniqueka Holloway, Alex Johnson, Danielle Johnson, Frankie Kirkendoll, Krishna Krishnan, Kennedy Musamali, Alicia Sanchez, Robert Weems, Janet Twomey, Natalie Toney, Sarah Sell, Barut Mehmet, Aaron Hamilton, Gargana Markova, Johnnie Thompson, Natasha Stephens and Russ Widener

NOT PRESENT: Riccardo Harris, Alex Chaparro, Douglas Parham, Lyston Skerritt, Jaya Escobar, and Quang Nguyen

I. Welcome – President Bardo welcomed participants to the inaugural President’s Diversity Council meeting and thanked members for joining the conversation regarding diversity and inclusion.

II. Introductions – Each member was asked to introduce themselves including their name, department and college affiliation.

III. Group Photo – PDC members were asked to participate in a group photo to be shared on the website. Members were asked to wear Shocker colors to ensure uniformity and consistency with university marketing and branding.

IV. President’s Perspective/Expectations – President Bardo provided an overview of his expectations for the President’s Diversity Council and described his professional and personal experiences that have inspired his lives work related to issues of diversity and inclusion.

V. Upcoming Events – Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle requested updates from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Veteran’s and the Tilford Commission. Staff from each organization provided updates on current activities along with dates for future events. Specifically, Urban Professionals would be hosting an upcoming forum featuring Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle and Ted Ayres. Also, the presentation by Tim Wise was highlighted as an upcoming event for Black History Month.

VI. Announcements/As May Arise – Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle introduced Deanna Carrithers as the Liaison for the PDC. PDC members were told that Deanna is the primary point of contact for the PDC and she is responsible for logistics of the PDC including the organization and communication-related activities associated with the PDC. Also, PDC members were asked to share announcements with the group. Dr. Natasha Stephens, Title IX Coordinator, was welcomed to WSU and she indicated that she would be meeting with other departments on campus to familiarize herself
with other campus activities. In addition, Council members were encouraged to maintain their respective websites and keep their information up to date. Finally, various events and future issues to be addressed were highlighted and Council members were asked to email future events to Deanna along with any questions they may have regarding the PDC.

VII. **Closing Remarks** – Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle closed the meeting by reminding Council members that the President’s Diversity Council would be a working group and participants will be responsible for furthering the goals and objectives related the university strategic plan. Also, she indicated that all members would receive their committee assignments at the next meeting and all participants were expected to be an active participant. In addition, Council members were reminded that they were not selected based upon race but because of the qualifications to address the issues related to diversity and inclusion at WSU.

VIII. **Adjourn** – Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle indicated that the next PDC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 at 9:30a in the Morrison Hall Conference Room.