I. Welcome – President John Bardo welcomed Council members to the meeting and provided an update of university activities. Specifically, he noted that there would be several announcements in the coming weeks regarding the Innovation Campus and encouraged Council members to look for notifications and updates from the Office of Strategic Communications.

II. President’s Diversity Council Updates – Deanna Carrithers, President’s Diversity Council Liaison, provided the following updates:

a. Meeting Minutes – Minutes had been emailed to the Council for review for the month of May. She requested any updates be emailed to her after the meeting otherwise, the minutes sent would be posted on the President’s Diversity Council website. In addition, Deanna requested that all members sign-in to ensure their participation is documented.

b. Website – President’s Diversity Council members were encouraged to continue to submit upcoming activities and highlight successes to be shared on the President’s Diversity Council website.

c. College/Division Liaisons – College and Division Liaison updates for the month of May were requested in writing. Updates should be submitted to Deanna Carrithers, President’s Diversity Council Liaison, by Friday, June 3.

d. Cross-Cultural Competency Training – The President’s Diversity Council is featuring new Cross-Cultural Competency Leadership Training. All Division/College Liaisons were reminded to contact Kennedy Musamali to schedule training.

e. Acknowledgements and Appreciation – All Council members were thanked for all of their efforts over the past six months. She mentioned that a key component of the meeting today would be to highlight successes of the President’s Diversity Council, thank Council members and identify goals moving forward. As a part of her remarks, President Bardo and Dr. Marche were commended for their commitment to ensuring the campus is reflective of the community WSU serves.
As she concluded, Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle thanked Deanna for her efforts serving as Council Liaison. Additionally, Aaron Hamilton and the Office of Admissions were acknowledged for recent recruiting successes related to local National Merit Finalists. The Office of Admissions successfully recruited 23 seniors from the International Baccalaureate Program at East High School.

III. Committee Updates – Committee Chairs or their designees were asked to provide an oral report on their committee meetings. Updates were as follows:

a. Enrollment/Admission/Recruitment – Aaron Hamilton reiterated the recent successes of recruiting the 23 IB students and thanked the team in the Office of Admissions. He also mentioned the emphasis on working with first generation college students including efforts related to recruitment and retention.

b. Retention and Engagement – Dr. Gergana Markova indicated that she was working on faculty orientation and planned to feature the work of the Office of Diversity during orientation. In addition, the committee continues to review data to determine the priorities for the committee.

c. Marketing and Communications – Sarah Sell indicated that the committee was focused on the Diversity Showcase scheduled for the fall. Sarah indicated that the dates were being finalized and all President’s Diversity Council members would be asked to support the event. Additional details to follow.

d. Benchmarking, Research and Analysis – Dr. Robert Weems indicated that he and his committee were working with WSU faculty to develop a formalize a survey process. The committee will develop and disseminate a climate survey in addition to surveying around topics related to diversity.

e. Campus Culture and Student Outreach – Lyston Skerritt indicated that a preliminary report had been drafted that identifies challenges, recommendations and potential partnerships for working together to build a stronger campus community. The report would be shared with the President’s Diversity Council in the coming months.

IV. President’s Diversity Council Presentation – History, Accomplishments and Awards - Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle shared a power point with the history of the Office of Diversity and that led to the establishment of the President’s Diversity Council. In addition, she highlighted some of the accomplishments of the Council members including awards, scholarships, and events. Some highlights and accomplishments included:

- Establishment of the PDC Committees and Liaison Structure
- Diversity Spotlight in the President’s Newsletter
- Hiring a full-time Title IX Coordinator
- Sponsorship of the Interfaith Dialogue Dinner
- Public Service Recognition Week Keynote
- Recruitment of a diverse Cheer Squad
• Business Journal – Leadership in Diversity Award – Office of Diversity and Inclusion
• Kansas Hispanic Education and Development Foundation Scholars and Recognition Dinner – 19 future Shockers received scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year
• Second Annual Girls in S.T.E.M conference
• Cross-Cultural Competency and Green-Zone Trainings
• Urban League Keynote

In addition to accomplishments, Council members were celebrated through awards and were thanked again for all of their efforts. As a part of the celebration, Frankie Kirkendoll was thanked for all of years of service to Wichita State University and Council members were reminded that Frankie would be retiring at the end of June. President Bardo and Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle wished her well. Frankie indicated that she planned to stay connected and looked forward to supporting diversity related activities throughout the community.

V. Announcements/As May Arise – Dr. Natasha Stephens shared an update regarding upcoming Title IX events and encouraged Council members to vote for the new Title IX logo. Voting ends June 30, 2016.

VI. Closing Remarks – Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle closed the meeting by reminding PDC members that Council activities would be suspended for the month of July and would resume in August.

VII. Adjourn – Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle indicated the next PDC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3 at 9:30a in the Morrison Hall Conference Room and adjourned the meeting.