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Wichita State University – President’s Diversity Council (PDC)
DATE: September 7, 2016
TIME: 9:30a - 10:30
LOCATION: Morrison Hall Conference Room

PRESENT: Stephen Arnold, President John Bardo, Mehmet Barut, Deanna Carrithers, Alex Chaparro, Jaya Escobar-Bhattacharjee, Judy Espinoza, Marche Fleming-Randle, Jean Griffith, Aaron Hamilton, Riccardo Harris, Moniqueka Holloway, Danielle Johnson, Krishna Krishnan, Rhonda Lewis, Gergana Markova, Quang Nguyen, Alicia Sanchez, Sarah Sell, Lyston Skerritt, Natasha Stephens, Johnnie Thompson, Natalie Toney, Janet Twomey, Robert Weems and Russell Widener

NOT PRESENT: Alex Johnson, Kennedy Musamali, Douglas Parham

I. Welcome – Dr. Bardo opened the meeting with university updates regarding enrollment numbers for the 2016-2017 academic year. In addition, Dr. Bardo indicated an institutional priority includes increasing the efficiency within the advising process by strengthening the capacity of One Stop and defining roles and responsibilities within the Colleges. As a part of these efforts, additional emphasis would be placed on the efficiency of the scheduling process and an algorithm was being developed to support the process.

Additionally, Dr. Bardo indicated that alternative tuition/fee models were being explored to better support students and the $60 fee for first generation college students would be eliminated and budgeted for the upcoming year. Finally, Dr. Bardo shared that he published and released an article titled Renewing Wichita’s Promise: The University, The City, The Region, and Economic Development. This article provides a framework regarding the university’s role in developing community. The article would be sent to President’s Diversity Council members to review with discussion to be held at a future meeting.

II. President’s Diversity Council Updates – Deanna Carrithers, President’s Diversity Council Liaison, indicated that Liaison and Committee updates should be emailed by the end of the week. Also, she encouraged Council members to continue to provide website updates. Additionally, Sarah Sell, Chair of the Marketing Committee, shared the DiverseCity week was scheduled the week of October 3 -7 and looked forward to receiving support from as many Council members as possible. Further details would be provided to Council members through Deanna Carrithers.

III. Kansas Hispanic Education and Development Foundation Overview – Charles Rivera, Board Member, shared an overview of Foundation programs and services including over $466K in scholarships provided since the Foundation’s inception. In addition, he indicated that the Foundation looked forward to strengthening the partnership with Wichita State University. Specifically, he indicated that the
Foundation was always looking for volunteers to support programming and assist with financial aid paperwork to support families in better understanding the process of enrollment.

As a part of the discussion, it was stated that WSU was also looking for opportunities to better connect with the Hispanic Community including providing Nico Hernandez a full scholarship to WSU. Also, the upcoming Scholarship Recognition Dinner would be hosted at Wichita State University for the 2016-2017 academic year. President Bardo and Council members thanked him and others within the organization for their willingness to partner in this important endeavor. Additionally, President’s Diversity Council members Alex Chaparro, Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle, Danielle Johnson, Lyston Skerritt and Deanna Carrithers were also thanked as well for ensuring WSU provided the highest level of support.

Public Policy and Management Center Overview – Misty Bruckner, Director of the Public Policy and Management Center (PPMC), indicated that the Center was established over 50 years ago and is housed in the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs. She indicated that the PPMC provides support to governmental and nonprofit entities in the form of professional development including training and conferences and project support including program evaluation and technical assistance but not exclusively. As a part of the overview, Misty shared her personal reasons for supporting community service activities and the significance of diversity related to ensuring equity and inclusion within our community. Lastly, Misty indicated that she looked forward to identifying opportunities to partner with the President’s Diversity Council in the future.

Accreditation Site Visit Overview – Dr. Rick Muma, Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management, provided an overview of the process and expectations of the President’s Diversity Council. Dr. Muma indicated that the site visit was scheduled October 10-11 and the Council would be requested to attend a couple of meetings regarding diversity on campus and strongly encouraged the Council to participate as much as possible. He encouraged the Council to be thoughtful and looked forward to their participation in the process.

IV. Closing Remarks/Adjourn – Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle closed the meeting by reminding Council members of the upcoming DiverseCity week and asked for announcements and updates to be sent to Deanna Carrithers.

V. Adjourn – Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle indicated the next PDC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5 at 9:30a in the Morrison Hall Conference Room and adjourned the meeting.