

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 28, 2020

12:00 p.m. in Ag Hall Conference Room

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Reed (Chair), Judy Bowmaster-Cole, Rachel Faber, Erika Arambula, Tyler Faber, Sarah Campbell (Student Senate Vice President), Mary Crawford (Zoom), Dan Stehlik

The NCTA Diversity committee meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. with the above referenced individuals in attendance.

WELCOME

- Eric welcomed all those in attendance and reminded the committee about its mission and purpose.

2020-2021 ACTIVITIES

- The committee discuss several ideas for fall programming and events.
 - Tyler and Eric will work together to reinstate a Veterans Day program at NCTA.
 - Sarah will take the lead in organizing a show of appreciation for local senior citizens during the time of coronavirus.
 - Rachel will explore the feasibility of putting together a diversity-related digital cookbook.
 - Erika will arrange to post some videos and other meaningful content on NCTA's social media platforms, especially in relation to Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - Rachel discussed the cafeteria's Diversity Meal plans for the year. Erika and Dan offered some ideas and contact information for different cultural menus.
 - Erika will send Eric information about some currently scheduled events to post on the Diversity Events Calendar.
- The committee discussed the importance of taking precautions related to Covid-19 when organizing diversity activities.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The committee discussed how faculty and staff are already making various efforts related to intercultural knowledge and competence in their classrooms and departments.
- The committee discussed the importance of creating opportunities for students to have meaningful interactions with culturally different people.
- Mary suggested making the Diversity Event calendar more prominent on the NCTA webpage.
- Judy suggested adding a relevant image or icon to the Diversity Events calendar.

ELECTION OF NEW DIVERSITY COMMITTEE CHAIR

- The committee selected Rachel Faber as the new committee chairperson.
 - Eric will continue to help Rachel in the role of taking minutes and coordinating student assessment for diversity events.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next committee meeting will be TBD.