DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 13, 2021  
1:00 p.m. in Ag Hall Conference Room

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Reed, Mary Rittenhouse, Sue Nutt, Erika Arambula, Judy Bowmaster-Cole (absent), Tyler Faber (absent), Mary Crawford (Zoom), Joanna Hergenreder (Zoom), Dan Stehlik (absent), Dean Larry Gossen

The NCTA Diversity committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with the above referenced individuals in attendance.

WELCOME
➢ Eric explained for new members the purpose and mission of the Committee and the committee’s role within the NCTA Diversity Curriculum

2020-2021 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS
➢ This year’s activities were negatively impacted by Covid-19 protocols. Nonetheless, the committee managed to complete the following events and activities:
  o Gift bags with elementary school cards delivered to local veterans on Veterans’ Day; awareness campaign promoted publicly and on social media
  o Information about Hispanic Heritage Month promoted on social media
  o E.N. Thompson World Forum (streaming event) advertised on campus

2021-2022 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS
➢ The Committee discussed plans for 2021-2022 activities and events:
  o Continue to maintain Diversity calendar.
  o Title IX (Fall and Spring – Residence Life)
  o Say What? (Presentation related to race & ethnicity – Residence Life)
  o Women & Ag Meet & Greet (Women in Ag)
  o Protect the Harvest (APS division)
  o Undetermined event by AMS division
  o Undetermined event by Gen Ed division relating to Native American Heritage Month

DEAN GOSSEN
➢ Dean Gossen reminded the Committee of its necessary role on campus and encouraged the committee in its efforts
  o The Committee was asked to review NCTA’s policies on Free Expression and Facilities Use and Fair Use Plan for Spaces and to make recommendations for updates and revisions.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR
➢ The committee elected Erika Arambula as the new Diversity Committee Chairperson.
  o Discussion was made about maintaining open Committee membership and inviting more students to participate on the Committee.
  o Discussion was made about holding Committee meetings more frequently.
The committee expects the Diversity Curriculum to be in full effect next year, with incoming students expected to attend five (5) diversity events their first semester on campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next committee meeting will be TBD.