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Equity & Diversity Committee Academic Senate, SMC

Location: Zoom (<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/95012875762>)

Date: 10/15/2020

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. PST (Pacific Standard Time)

Members Present: Kevin Chicas, Sara Brewer, Amber Urrutia, Mark Tomasic, Chanté De Loach, Steph Anderson

Interested Parties: Sherri Bradford

I. Call to order: 1:05 P.M.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: Sara Brewer

2nd: Steph Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Approval of Minutes from Oct. 1st, 2020 meeting

Motion to Approve: Amber Urrutia

2nd: Chanté De Loach

Motion passed unanimously

V. Reports

Chairs report: The Chair shared a draft whereas statement from the Distance Education Committee regarding best practices for use of cameras during synchronous class meetings. It was noted by our committee that the draft whereas statement did not include language regarding proctoring software nor did it include information on how to inform students of the potential use of cameras in their online courses. Further, the link included on the draft whereas

statement to “participation activities” is not active for our committee to review.

Other reports: Chanté De Loach noted that the statement/letter on equity that our committee endorsed was presented at the SMC Board of Trustees meeting on October 6, 2020 during public comments and was very well received.

VI. Old business

- Student-facing technology whereas statement: The committee decided to table moving forward with the whereas statement but is in support of continued work on student access to technology as a goal for this year.
- E & D whereas statement on diversity in hiring pools: Tabled

VII. New business

- Feedback on partnership with PDC on equity initiatives at SMC: Tabled
- Co-sponsoring Decolonizing the Academy webinar event featuring Dr. Gina A. Garcia: Tabled
- Discussion on Equity Resource Guide 2.0: Tabled

VIII. Announcements

- Chair announced that a representative from Associated Students, Patrick Ty will be attending the remaining meetings of our committee.

IX. Adjournment: 2:03 P.M.