



DEI Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 3, 2026 at 1pm in E-332

Attendees (Members):

Cynthia Olvina, Michael Rodriguez, Gordon Alley-Young, Hattie Elmore, Jeremy Sawyer, Fatima-Zahara Kamil and Qatazanah Pierre

Attendees (Guests):

Helen Margaret-Nasser, Damali Dublin, Grace Trotman, Corina Lozada Smith, Shaune Wallace-Bostic and SVP Sheila Thimba

Opened the Meeting at 1:00pm

- I. Approval of prior meeting minutes – Approved
- II. Presentation followed by discussion on CUNY-wide initiatives and practices by Corina Lozada Smith, Chief Diversity Officer:
 - a. Updates to the DEI webpage to expand information and increase awareness of campus services
 - b. Identification of service/support gaps, including limited ARC support and the need for additional resources
 - c. Recommendation to highlight and include the following offices and programs: Holocaust Center; Student Union & Intercultural Center; HURFRC; LGBTQIA+ Alliance; Queer Alliance; Safe Zone
 - d. Identified a need for a dedicated center to support immigrant and undocumented students
 - e. Importance of informing administration of ongoing DEI work and identified gaps
 - f. Recommendation to restore classroom announcements to increase awareness of campus support services
- III. Open Discussion/Announcements
 - a. Student Union & Intercultural Center – Week of April 20th is Interfaith Week:
 - i. You Belong Here Series
 1. Single Parents
 2. First Generation Students
 3. Undocumented/DACA/Immigrant
 4. Students of Faith
 5. Men of Color
 6. LGBTQIA+
 - b. Subgroup Planning and Next Steps:
 - ii. April Diversity Event
 - iii. Practices and Initiatives Report for administration
 - iv. Collaborative Dialogue Initiative collaboration with the DEI committee
 - c. DEI Logo:
 - v. Multiple logo options presented and voted on – Logo #1 Approved
 - vi. Suggested logo idea provided

Closed the meeting at 2:24pm