

Meeting Minutes: IDEA Council

Date, Time: December 14, 2022, 11:30am

Location: Zoom



Attendees: Davon Brantley, Alex Burrage, Michael Butz, Dan Cuffaro, Connie Gilbert, Jesse Grant, Delores Hall, Scott Lax, Elisaida Mendez, Charise Reid, Jimmy Schlemmer, Amanda Shelnut, Kari Weaver

Not present: Kevin Kautenberger, Dinara Mirtaliopova

Approval of minutes: N/A

Agenda:

- Land Acknowledgement Statement
 - The IDEA council discussed feedback we have received and witnessed in regards to our current Land Acknowledgement Statement. Thoughts were shared about how to edit/shorten the statement for reading, along with how we need to do more work regarding why we have the statement and its purpose. Scott Lax shared that he talked with Marie Toledo about her perspective regarding Land Acknowledgement Statements
 - Action items/next steps: Scott will reach out to Marie Toledo and invite her to our next meeting in January. Dan is going to reach out to his contacts about beginning a scholarship for Native American Students.
- CIA's Tri-Conversations
 - Kari discussed the initial Tri-Conversations held last week and welcomed feedback. It was reiterated how important these conversations were between all groups on campus, staff, faculty and students. Kari has a student facilitator training in February to cultivate student leadership around these issues. These conversations will be continue to happen in the winter/spring.
 - Dan suggested we use the billboard approach around campus. We can make big statements and thought-provoking statements to encourage these conversations across campus.
 - Next steps: We will explore opportunities for these "billboards" around campus in the spring.
- Book club
 - The voting has been completed. The chosen book is "I Never Thought of It That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times." The council agreeded that finding different people to facilitate each conversation is a good step.
 - Action items/next steps: Kari will create a sign-up and looking at having first meeting in February.

- Students
 - DEI week was discussed. DEI week is a student run week that we will support. We would like to let students decide when the best time will be. There are a lot of interested students in a student committee/DEIJ group. The council will continue to examine models from other institutions on how they use students as partners in DEIJ.
 - Action items/next steps: We will put a call to action in CIA Weekly in January to convince a student group.

New business (other key decisions and action items, reminders, other): N/A

Next meeting: January 11, 2023, 11:30am – 12:45pm

Adjournment: 12:26 pm