The monthly meeting of the Council for Diversity and Interculturalism of 2012-2013 was held on May 15, 2013 in the Gordon Ball Board Room at the Brenda Lawson Athletic Center. Present at the meeting were Herb Byrd, Alecia Davis, Annazette Houston, Tyler Johnson, Keith Kirkland, Anton Reece, Marva Rudolph, Rita Smith, Steve Thomas, Mike Wirth, Pia Wood, and Brian Thomas.

I. Update from Commissions

Commission for Blacks
The commission submitted their one page summary to the Chancellor. More information on the commission can be found at http://web.utk.edu/~cfb/.

Commission for Women
News on the commission for women can be found at http://cfw.utk.edu/.

Commission for LGBT people
The commission sent out their final report for the year. New co-chairs were being selected for the 2013-2014 year. Lastly, the commission recently sent out their final news letter for the year. For more information and other news on the LGBT activities, please visit http://lgbt.utk.edu/.

BFSA
BFSA plans on meeting over the summer to continue to put together plans for a potential conference in the Spring of 2014. They are also brainstorming ideas on how they can increase their membership. Lastly, the BFSA plans to distribute their first news letter sometime in July. Other news on the association can be is located at http://web.utk.edu/~bfsa/.

II. Co-Chair Elections

Tyler Johnson and Maxine Davis were the last remaining nominees. A vote will be made electronically to see if Tyler Johnson will accept the position as the next CDI co-chair.

III. Update on Diversity Plans

The co-chairs are planning on meeting with Kent Wagoner at some point in the summer. The meeting is to view a prototype database that pulls all the diversity data together and makes it accessible for CDI use. This meeting should take place in mid-June.

IV. Update on Chancellor’s Diversity Award
Anton Reece presented the first draft of the Chancellor’s Diversity Award. There was a lot of discussion on the framework of the award such as (a) is it a singular award and (b) what should the requirements be for the award. There was also discussion on how similar this award is to the Ready for the World Award, as well as if there was any possibility to add funding to the award through the Chancellor.

V. New Business

A suggestion was made to have a welcome reception in the fall for Rickey Hall. Annazette Houston also made the suggestion to the council on the possibility of adding Undergraduate Admissions as a required position to the CDI membership.

VI. Next Meeting

This concludes our scheduled meetings for the 2012-2013 year.