The monthly meeting of the Council for Diversity and Interculturalism of 2013-2014 was held on March 26, 2014 in the Gordon Ball Board Room at the Brenda Lawson Athletic Center. Present at the meeting were Adam Cureton, Maxine Davis, Tim Hiles, Rickey Hall, Annazette Houston(rep.sent), Tyler Johnson, Mary Papke (rep. sent), Anton Reece, Phyliss Shey, Rita Smith, Damien Pitts, Tyvi Small, Paul Troy, and Brian Thomas.

I. Update from Commissions

Commission for Blacks
No updates were given at this time. More information is available on our website, 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
Commission will be electing new co-chair at next meeting. Additionally, they are revising their letter to have all new building to have a family style restroom. Lastly, the lavender graduation will be held on April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the BCC. For more information and other news on the LGBT, please visit http://lgbt.utk.edu/.

BFSA
News on the association can be is located at http://web.utk.edu/~bfsa/.

II. Chancellor’s Diversity Award Update

Dr. Reece shared the various applications we have received for the award and the subcommittee has selected a winner. The award will be named the Dr. Marva Rudolph Commitment to Diversity Award. A plaque will be given to the family of Dr. Rudolph’s family, the Office of Equity and Diversity, as well as the winner of the award.

III. Employee Engagement Survey – Herb Byrd

The next employee engagement survey will be distributed this upcoming fall. A handout was passed around with the various changes that will be on this next addition of the survey. Some of those changes include disability, veteran status, and marital status. Some of the questions will be optional to answer.

IV. Co-Chair Nominations
Please email Tyler or Tyvi with any co-chair nominations or if you would just want more information about the process. The term is a 2 year term and the new co-chair will begin as the junior co-chair, alongside Tyler Johnson at the senior co-chair.

V. New Business

SGA
Working with people on a clause that will alter student fees and require an opt in selection.

GSS
Passed a bill to support the veteran’s space on campus. Graduate student town hall was help prior to Spring Break. April 5 there will be a program called the Big Orange Adventure. It will be a scavenger hunt event and the Multicultural of Student Life is working on putting together a Day of Dialogue event and are looking for members of CDI to participate in a planning committee.

Rickey wants to put together a master calendar with the help of CDI that lists campus wide diversity events in one place.

The scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Rudolph is still being discussed. Tennessee Today had put the word out about the fund and we encourage members to

VI. Announcements

The Chancellor’s Honors Banquet has changed its date and will now be on April 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

VII. Next Meeting
The Council will meet on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Gordon Ball Boardroom, Brenda Lawson Athletic Center. Chancellor Cheek will be in attendance.