The monthly meeting of the Council for Diversity and Interculturalism was held on October 15, 2014 at the Gordon Ball Room in the Brenda Lawson Athletic Center.

Co-Chair Tyler Johnson Called the meeting to order at 3:45PM. Present at the meeting were: (1) Tyler Johnson, (2) Syed Kamal, (3) Tanisha Jenkins, (4) Robert Nobles, (5) Mike Wirth, (6) David Kent, (7) Annazette Houston, (8) Eric Stokes, (9) Mikki Allen, (10) Margie Nichols, (11) Izetta Slade representing Herb Byrd.

Introduction of Newly Elected Co-Chair:

Election for filling the vacancy of the Co-Chair-elect position was held at the previous monthly meeting. Tanisha Jenkins was elected as the new Co-Chair for CDI. Tyler Johnson introduced Tanisha to the council as the new Co-chair.

STRIDE Presentation:

STRIDE presentation by Dr. Soren Sorensen was the main agenda item for this meeting. However, due to miscommunication, STRIDE did not present at the meeting.

Observing some first time attendees at the meeting, VC Rickey Hall proposed that the attendees should introduce themselves to the council to cover the time allotted for STRIDE presentation. Accordingly, all persons attending the meeting took turns for self-introduction.

CDI Subcommittees:

CDI Bylaws stipulates formulation of several sub-committees. Tyler Johnson described the functions for different sub-committees. Funding request committee will review submitted funding requests and formulate them to present to the council. Bylaws Sub-committee will review the bylaws and propose updates. On this issue, Tyler Johnson commented that current bylaws lists some responsibilities that are not currently performed by CDI. As an example, he mentioned that collecting and providing information about research and best practices related to diversity issues is specified as an area of functionality for CDI, but this is currently done by the office of VC Diversity. He suggested that the bylaws committee should identify the areas that should be covered under CDI and remove the areas that are currently covered by other units.

Tyler Johnson suggested that the council discuss the sub-committee formulation in the November meeting.

New Business and Announcements

VC Hall discussed about the upcoming OED External review process. The review will identify the areas where OED is performing well and the areas where they need improvement. He encouraged everyone to attend the on-site external review session on November 5th and November 6th.

VC Hall also made announcement on the Trailblazer Series event on October 22nd and Retention Workshop on November 8th.
Adjourn:

Tyler Johnson announced that the next monthly meeting will take place on November 19th. He adjourned the meeting at 4:15PM