4/16/2021

Physics DEI Committee: Meeting Minutes

Discussion Topics

1) Introduction - All (5 mins)
2) Approve previous minutes (4/02) - All (5 mins)
3) Announcements & Matters Arising (15 mins)
   a) Letter to Office of Provost (234 signatures)
   b) Movie screening: “Can we talk? Difficult conversations with underrepresented people of color: sense of belongs and obstacles to STEM fields”
   c) MORE and CRLT Player workshops for Fall
   d) Teaching Town Hall and associated survey
   e) Sculpture honoring Elmer Imes
   f) Proposal: renaming New Randall in honor of Homer Neal
4) Update from Research Subcommittee (5-10 mins)
5) Develop list of recommended priorities for next year (15-20 mins)
6) Feedback on this year’s meeting for next year (10 mins)

Thank you everyone for all your hard work this year!

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- Introductions
- Previous minutes approved
- Announcements, Feedback, and Matters Arising
  - Letter regarding renaming Weiser Hall sent to President Mark Schlissel, Provost Susan Collins, and Dean Anne Curzan with 234 signatures from Physics, Applied Physics, and Astronomy
    - UPDATE (4/30): Recent response from Anne Curzan
  - Original movie screening time (May 7th) conflicts with Astronomy’s commencement event. Next available time for movie screeners is in the Fall.
- CRLT Players workshop will be booked in late May/early June. Requesting the sketch “You don't belong here,” which follows the experiences of a first generation, woman of color at U-M
- Had first consultation meeting with MORE organizers
  i) Working on scheduling time in Fall
  ii) Will later request input from faculty on the committee
  iii) Currently Jennifer Ogilvie, David Gerdes, and Vanessa Sih working with Zana Kwaiser
- Working to schedule a townhall/workshop follow up event to the CRLT 'Teaching for Equity' event
  i) Will pass on survey to capture ideas for the event (Jennifer or Rachel will send out soon)
  ii) UPDATE (4/30): Discussion with the Curriculum Committee and Department Chair indicated that faculty participation would be low over spring/summer term. Recommended hosting during faculty meeting in Fall. Working to still have Graduate Student participation opportunity
- Elmer Imes sculpture update
  i) U-M artwork committee not taking requests, hoping to in the fall
  ii) Next steps: write to Vice Provost Robert Sellers
  iii) Jennifer is looking for assistance
- Proposal to name 'new Randall' after Homer Neal
  - Proposal to recommend renaming the low-rise portion of Dennison (aka Weiser) Hall after Homer Neal
    i) Issue of legally binding contract with Ronald Weiser may prevent renaming
    ii) Mention that U-M may be holding out for a donor to upgrade the low-rise portion
  - Group decided it would be better to address the issue of Weiser Hall separately from naming a building after Homer Neal
  - Next steps
    i) Send letter to Anne Curzan to garner support and feedback
    ii) If there is no satisfactory response, next steps could include contacting U-M news sources (e.g. UM Record, etc) to spread the word about Homer Neal's accomplishments and contributions to the university and physics community
Reach out to Engineering for support since James Duderstadt (former President) hired Homer Neal
  - Roy and Anwesha offered assistance to David and Jennifer

- Draft of list of priorities, completed projects, and meeting format
- UPDATE (4/30/21): Final Report

Past Subcommittee Notes

Outreach Subcommittee: Breakout Session

Link to Notes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W0ukqD8l-3nLG_jlmkFLUuvx9fGA-Q32Sb3yyJYR1J4/edit?usp=sharing

Research Subcommittee: Breakout Session

Link to Notes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EgVvQfyXEgmjj26MZOXU9YNlj43zHK8io1em4SLxWCA/edit?usp=sharing

Teaching Subcommittee: Breakout Session

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Representation Subcommittee

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