

**Absent/Excused:**

Dr. Myungjae Kwak, Professor of Information Technology  
Mr. Christopher Smith, Assistant Professor of Nursing

**Guests:**

None

**Call to Order**

Dr. Alhaj-Yaseen called the meeting to order at 2.00 PM. He welcomed everyone to this second meeting, performed a rollcall, and asked for revision and approval of minutes from last session. Mr. Swenson made a motion to approve. Dr. Camara seconded, and the minutes were approved without changes.

**Unfinished Business**

Dr. Alhaj-Yaseen asked each group to share their rationales for proposed revisions to the current MGA mission statement. Group one, Dr. Asbury and Dr. Fuller, reported their changes stemmed from a desire to show the types of degrees offered by the university and to acknowledge the role of faculty in creating the knowledge that the university supplies. Group two, Dr. Camara and Dr. Edwards, cited diversity as an important theme appearing in other USG mission statements but missing from MGA's. They underscored ethnic as well as diversity as it describes traditional and nontraditional students and additionally stressed the role of community partnerships. Mr. Swenson spoke for group three. It surveyed mission statements of USG schools and some from other states and too discovered a needed focus on diversity and the idea of strengthening the

university through community partnerships. Dr. Svonavec reported for group four. She complimented the brevity of MGA's current statement while noting diversity as something that possibly needs inserting along with language stressing multiculturalism.

Following these observations, discussion among committee members ensued. Mr. Swenson confirmed his preference for new language reflecting diversity and multiculturalism while Dr. Alhaj-Yaseen approved of the economy of the existing statement. The latter also introduced the idea that members rank revised statements, although both Dr. Dubuisson and Mr. Swenson suggested some minor edits before ranking and the final submission of two-to-four options. Dr. Camara noted that individuals external to the committee might review the statements, but withdrew the idea after acknowledging the requirement that the committee not share its work with nonmembers. Both Dr. Fuller and Mr. Swenson favored the idea of forwarding edited statements, and Dr. Dubuisson suggested the same while adding some description of the process that the committee followed to create the new versions.

Following these comments and conversations, Dr. Alhaj-Yaseen raised the topic of a third committee meeting to make a final determination of which new statements to advance to Dr. Jenks. In the meantime, he asked that members briefly note in the TEAMS Excel file their rationales for making changes and forward him their ranking of revised mission statements.

### **New Business**

None was explored other than the need to set a date for the final meeting: Dr. Alhaj-Yaseen suggested 1/27/23 at nine or eleven in the morning.

He followed by making a motion to adjourn. Dr. Asbury seconded, and the meeting ended at 2.55 PM.

Submitted by Dr. Stephen M. Fuller, Recorder