

Diversity Committee 20222023
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Date: November 10, 2023, 10:00 AM
Location: Virtual Meeting -Microsoft Teams
Chair: Larry Israel
Recorder: Larry Israel

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Present: Larry Israel, Ashley Thompson, Rhonda Crombie, Rebekah Hazlett, Jenia Bacote, Andre Nicholson, Rhonda Crombie, Jonathan Cannon, Amber Johnston, Sharon Mozley-Standridge, James Blackburn, Charla Baker

Absent: Simone Phipps, Lauren Gray, Allen Chastain

Call to order: Larry Israel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

1. 7 K H D J H Q G D Z D V D K S D E R Y H G D to Apple and Baker seconded.
2. The Minutes were approved. Hazlett moved to approve and Johnston seconded.
3. The charges of the committee were reviewed, as follows.
 - i. Function per bylaws: The Diversity Committee shall assist in encouraging and nurturing a campus climate that reflects MGA's commitment to diversity and inclusion. The Diversity Committee will uphold and protect diversity of thought, promote the free exchange of ideas, the right to assemble.
 - ii. Engage with Jenia Bacote's office and Ashley Thompson to coordinate and support relevant events/activities.
 - iii. Discuss diversity survey, share results with the University, and decide further steps, if any.
 - iv. Identify worthy specific topics to integrate in the charge based on the diversity survey and committee discussion.
4. New Business
 - a. Name of the Committee and Award and Award language. The committee debated changing the name of the award to MGA Culture and Community, to bring it in align with the Office of Campus Culture and Community. Dr. Blackburn recommended this approach. Some members, like Cannon and Hazlett, recommended leaving the language alone, since it more adequately reflects what the award seeks to recognize. After some discussion, it was decided to table the issue until the next meeting.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45..