



DEIC Meeting Minutes Summary

Monday, 07.11.2022

Attendees

In-person: Tyler Gibson, Nina, Steve, Dom, and Owen Sullivan

Agenda

Summary of Current Business

1. Updates on CMB curriculum changes
 - a. Draft of list of recommendations on google doc
 - b. Faculty in favor of required workshops or series of workshops, but not changes to required courses etc. (circumvent bureaucratic issues)
 - c. Take advantage of existing resources (Tyler is meeting with Beverley Hutcherson)
 - d. Another model would have optional or requirement to take a course in another department on the social context of biology, etc. Tyler made a google doc compiling a list of potential courses.
2. Land acknowledgement in last stages of editing

Action Items

1. Updates on CMB curriculum changes
2. Land acknowledgement
3. International student fees

Notes

- DEI Impact award was awarded
- Nina suggested having a seminar series that is one credit of DEI speakers. Tyler commented that we would need funding to give speakers proper compensation for this type of series.
- Tyler commented that now that we have a DEI learning goal, we need concrete things in our curriculum showing that we are striving towards this.
- Owen suggested that we move forward and present to the coordinating committee that we require a humanities DEI type class as an elective to reflect the new learning goals. Tyler has meetings set up with professors in this department to determine any things that need to be done on their part.
- Steve brought up modifications to the current ethics course. Tyler brought up that there are certain requirements for these classes for NIH, so it is harder to add or change things to them. Steve suggested maybe making the class longer than half a semester and making the second half have guest lecturers from the humanities department, etc.
- Tyler suggested asking CMB if there is money to implement a seminar series.
- We don't know where the suggestion box goes apparently.
- Nina discussed getting involved with the Grad Student Union and working on getting rid of international student fees. Idea is to write petitions to programs and departments to pay the fees for the international students. Nina will adapt template petitions to send to CMB and send it to CMB folks to send to their individual departments if necessary.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

1. Propose making humanities courses part of the CMB requirement to coordinating committee
2. Discuss with faculty options for how to get international student fees paid