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Equity and Diversity Committee   Campus Governance

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MEC minutes 12/07/2017

Multi-Ethnic Experience Committee

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Minutes for MEC meeting December 7, 2017

In attendance: Robert Velde, Vera Wu, Jennifer Rothchild, Hilda Ladner, Farah Gilanshah, Adrienne Conley, Tammy Berberi
Guests: Janet Ericksen (interim VCAA)

I. **Introductions**

II. **Follow-up to equity and diversity advocate (EDA) initiative**
   A. Heather Peters and others met with committee chairs and steering committee to discuss the feasibility and sustainability of this pilot program

III. **Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandy Olson-Loy's call for nominations for the interim director of EDI**

IV. **plans for MEC this spring (spring 2018)**
   A. Expanding the purview of the committee--see MEC constitution by-laws in the current constitution (see HANDOUT)
      1. Need a broader purview and need to change the committee's name
   B. to be added to this committee:
      1. Ex-officio member nominated by the Dean (to replace Solomon Gashaw) in 2018-2019
      2. USA member (to replace Liv)--plan to follow up with Membership Committee (Chair Mike Bryant)
      3. Interim director of EDI (yet to be named)
   C. plans for campus climate survey
      1. Thought to be too expensive by UMM and UMTC administrators??

V. **Misc**.
   A. EDA pilot program:
      1. Training
      2. Resources
      3. Mentoring and points of support

   B. Student Ruby DeBellis' meeting with the Chancellor
      1. Start of fall 2018--the Chancellor wants to have results from the strategic plan
   C. Support for DACA students on campus and in the community