



## President's Council on Inclusive Excellence Meeting Notes

Friday

March 26, 2021

10:30 am - noon

**Meeting held via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Andrea Arrington, Dianne Frances Powell, Gabrielle Yowell, Kina Franklin, Laura Froelicher, Melissa Gustafson, Rebecca Marquez, Stephannie Gambill, Sumalayo Jackson, Szufang Chuang, Tami Weinzapfel-Smith, Theresa Ortega, Tradara Mclaurine

- I. **Opening:** The meeting of the President's Council on Inclusive Excellence was called to order at 10:30 am March 26, 2021, by Dr. Rana Johnson.
  
- II. **DEI Strategies & Updates:** Members were introduced to DEI Strategies that included summer initiatives. For example, the Indiana State University Inaugural Academically Proficient High School Junior/Seniors Diversity Conference. R. Johnson discussed the event, which will take place July 2021. Additionally, five main points were highlighted regarding the conference program:
  1. Inform and expose rising juniors and seniors of the various educational opportunities available at Indiana State University;
  2. Provide information to assist juniors and seniors to make the adjustments necessary for a successful college experience;
  3. Provide information to assist students to become effective leaders in school and in their communities after graduation;
  4. Provide information regarding scholarships, grants, internships, and financial aid programs available through the financial aid office; and,
  5. Provide a forum for Indiana students, parents/guardians to acquire information to empower many of the brightest college-bound students, in a single location, for purposes of acquainting the students with the academic programs and scholarship opportunities available on the campus of Indiana State University.

The conference will enable student participants to rotate between 3 sessions:

- **How to Fund your Postsecondary Education**
  - ISU Financial Aid & Scholarships
  - Indiana Association of College Admissions Counseling
  - 21ST Century Program

- **Developing Coping Skills Your First Year Away**  
Panel Presentation: Locating the tutoring center, mentoring, resources- mental health, food insecurity, religious facilities, accessibility resources, public safety department, etc.
- **How to Select a College and a Career**  
Regina Atkins- Admissions  
Academic Deans, Faculty, Current Students, etc.  
SU Career Center

**III. Advancing Inclusive Excellence Action Plan Update:** Additional dialogues included Fall 2021 Prospective Activities. Members of the Council were encouraged to review the University Engagement Sustainability Newsletter. The Sustainable Cities Program, offered through the Sustainability Office, selected the City of Sullivan as the first partner. Dr. Nancy Roger's newsletter indicated:

The 2020-21 academic year has been a pilot year for the partnership with Sullivan. This year 9 faculty are facilitating 15 course-based projects with community partners in Sullivan. Twenty potential projects have been identified for the 2021-22 academic year. I hope you will take a minute to review the list of projects to see if there might be a fit for one of your classes. You do not need expertise in sustainability. The Sustainability Office will provide training and professional development about that aspect of the program. Our priority is to match projects with courses, but we are also open to other kinds of engagement including student organization projects. Garrett Hurley, Sustainability Coordinator, is managing the program. He would be very pleased to answer your questions and provide additional information.

Dr. Johnson highlighted the Advancing Inclusive Excellence Action Plan Updates, and juxtaposed it with the Indiana State University Strategic Plan. Additional information is forthcoming.

**IV. New Business:** The new business to come before the group included:

- Suggestions to complete the Strategic Plan Qualtrics
- Anti-Asian Panel Discussion
- Career Center Life After College Discussion for International Students
- Marketing & Human Relations Commercial for Diverse Resources

**V. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

**Next Meeting: April 23, 2021**