Minutes
Meeting called to order at 1:46 pm

D. Wilmott welcomed our members and guests

Culturally appropriate foods in the dining halls: Dr. Mariela Fernandez, on behalf of concerned students, raised the issue of dining halls at Clemson do not serve culturally sensitive Latin American foods on a regular basis, nor during Hispanic heritage events. The dining halls usually provide a taco bar or an equivalent type cuisine. Dr. Fernandez suggested the Commission could support the concerned students in a meeting with dining hall representatives. P. Unda asked what the level of involvement was being requested by the concerned students. Dr. Fernandez reiterated that they would help emphasize the importance of culturally sensitive foods for the Hispanic and Latinx students. B. Brock pointed out that Douthis Hills dining hall does have a multicultural station and this could be used as an example of how the other dining halls could emulate this option. Further, he offered to assist Dr. Fernandez and the concerned students meet with dining hall officials. J. Rodriguez indicated that a curry dish is offered at every dining hall and this information can assist in the discussion with dining hall officials. D. Wilmott suggested the members of the Student Engagement Committee work with the concerned students in this matter. J. Hernandez suggested that Dr. Fernandez, concerned students, and members of the Student Engagement committee meet with Assistant Vice President for University Housing and & Dining Kathy Hobgood and to have all their information prepared before the meeting. J. Hernandez mentioned the Office of Inclusion & Equity has met with Kathy Hobgood recently, in preparation for the recently passed, Familia Connection event, and they seem more than willing to hear how to improve the student’s dining experience. A motion was proposed to have members of the Commission’s Student Engagement Committee collaborate with Dr. Fernandez and the concerned to meet with Kathy Habgood to suggest culturally sensitive foods that represent the variety of Latin American cuisine. Motion passed.

LUCU Farewell Asada event funding request – Jennifer Cabezas was unable to attend the meeting. D. Wilmott read the email to the Commission and the request for $300 support for the LUCU Farewell Asada event. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to provide $100 in support of the event, under the conditions that pictures from the event and a total number of attendees be sent to the Commission. Motion passed.

Announcements:
Dessert’s on Us! – Commissions’ event April 23, 2019, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, Carillon Gardens: D. Wilmott reminded Commission members of the upcoming “Dessert’s on Us!”. This drop in is the first event jointly hosted by all six Commissions. It is an opportunity for university community to meet and learn more about the commissions and their work at Clemson. D. Wilmott encouraged all Commission members to attend some or all the event.
Men of Color Summit – April 25-26, 2019: D. Wilmott thanked everyone is volunteering to work at the MOC Summit, as well as those Commissioners who will attend the conference. This year’s MOC has over 1500 attendees. Accommodations for an extra dining area is being made for the more than 300 extra guests registered to attend the conference at the TD Convention Center in Greenville. Volunteers and attendees from Clemson campus can take a shuttle, once in the morning and then afternoon, to attend the conference each day.

Old Business:

Standing Committees
- Executive Board: D. Wilmott reported that the Executive Board members reviewed and approved the current slate of nominees for the Commission member elections.
- No report from the other committees.

New Business:

Changes to the Commission Bylaws

D. Wilmott and E. Nieves proposed changes to the Commission Bylaws (see attached Amendments 1-3 and Amendment 4 documents).

1) Motion to change the President’s Commission on Latino Affairs to the Commission on Latino Affairs as requested of all University Commissions by the President and Provost’s Offices throughout the Bylaws and to all Commission related resources and marketing materials. New logos are being designed by Campus Banner for rebranding effort for all the Commissions. Motion passed with further changes to Section III-7: Resignations and Removal 3.7.3 Replacement section.

2) Motion to change the composition of Commission members to add one staff representative and reduce the community member to one representative. After a lengthy discussion, an amendment to the motion was introduced to change the composition of the Commission to six (6) staff, with two from either of the following representatives: undergraduate students or graduate students. A provision to create Advisory Members to the Commission that will allow for community members to serve as advisors, rather than regular voting Commission members was introduced. An amendment to the motion to “In the event the Chair-Elect resigned, then the Commission will invoke an emergency meeting to conduct an election to replace the Chair-Elect” was introduced and the Executive Board was charged with writing a new section of the Bylaws to address community members serving as Advisory Members to the Commission. Motion passed as amended and with the Executive Board charged with writing a section to introduce Advisory Members from the community into the Bylaws.

3) Motion to change the composition of officers to include a Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and a Secretary. The Vice-Chair shall work with the Chair in the business affairs of the Commission and succeed the Chair in the third year and the Secretary shall record Commission minutes and maintain commission
documentation. An amendment was introduced to include under Section III – 2: Officers, 3.2.1 Terms “...Board members will serve two-year terms staggered.” **Motion passed as amended.**

4) Motion introduced to allow “Members to may submit a proxy vote to be counted towards reaching a quorum. Additionally, members can cast their vote by proxy online for any items needing approval.” This change will allow for Commission work to be conducted online, when a business meeting is unable to occur. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was **adjourned at 3:00 pm**, under the condition that nominations and voting can take place online. The Chair will send a call for nominations of open seats and the Executive Board will conduct the elections electronically with current Commission members during the business week of April 22-26.

**Commission Membership Elections**

**Vice-Chair/Chair Elect (2019-2020)**
1 Open Seat
- Nomination Open

**Secretary (2019-2020)**
1 Open Seat
- Nomination Open

**Faculty Representative (2019-2022)**
1 Seat Open
- Mariela Fernandez

**Staff Representative (2019-2022)**
2 Seats Open
- Kathleen Grant
- Alexandria “Alex” Fant
- Ron Wald

**Graduate Student Representative (2019-2020)**
1 Seat Open
- Norberto Davila

**Undergraduate Student Representative (2019-2020)**
1 Seat Open
- Jennifer Cabezas
- Jordan Childs

**Community Representative (2019-2020)** **Removed from the election slate, section will be added to the Bylaws for Advisory Members for Community members to serve.**
1 Seat Open
Ramon Nieves-Lugo – D. Wilmott will contact the candidate and advise of the proposed changes to the Bylaws.
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