

## **Meeting Minutes**

URI Equity Council Meeting

Friday, March 19, 2010

1-2:30 pm

Green Hall President's Conf. Room

Attendance: Trish Morokoff (co-chair), Gerald Williams (co-chair), Major Stephen Baker, Susan Brady, Deb Cohen, Lynne Derbyshire, Gail Faris, Frank Forleo, Roxanne Gomes, Karol Leuzarder, Jody Lisberger, Helen Mederer, Ann Morrissey, Amy Olson, Pamela Rohland, Radhika Pasupuleti, Carolyn Sovet, Andrew Winters

### 1. Introductions

2. Minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting were approved.

### 3. Announcements

a. Equity Council Co-chairs will meet with President Dooley March 22. There will be a reporter from the Providence Journal, Wayne Miller who will be shadowing President Dooley that day.

b. I AM U-URI Unity in Difference will meet March 29 with President Dooley, Provost DeHayes, and VP Dougan. The reporter will also be present.

c. 574 new Talent Development students have been accepted for Fall 2010

#### EVENTS:

- 16th Annual University of Rhode Island Symposium on Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Intersex Queer and Questioning Issues; Narrating Equality: Speaking Our Truths. Monday, April 5th - Saturday, April 10th, 2010
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual URI Diversity Awards Banquet; 6:30-8:30 April 13, 2010, Memorial Union
- Black Scholar Awards, April 5, 6:30, Cherry Auditorium
- Women's Studies Lectures: April 1st, 4-5:30 p.m. Swan 304 "Commemorating Dana Shugar and the History of the URI Annual Gay and Lesbian Symposium"; April 5; April 7; April 15

### 4. Confidentiality

Trish reviewed the policy for confidentiality at meetings as discussed previously. There was discussion concerning whether any topic to be discussed with President Dooley should not be discussed with the

press.

5. Presidential Inauguration: There was discussion of President Dooley's choice of speaker for his upcoming inauguration. At the recent Faculty Senate meeting, Lynne Derbyshire announced that some people plan to wear rainbow stoles at the inauguration. Numerous members of the Equity Council expressed concern that the proposed speaker Greg Boyd has publicly expressed negative views with respect to sexual orientation, choice and women's issues. Others expressed concerns related to the separation of church and state. It was proposed and agreed that a letter would be sent to President Dooley from the Equity Council expressing these concerns. Several members volunteered to draft the letter.

6. DOJ: Strategic Plan for Eradication of Hate Crimes and Incidents at URI: the revised document was distributed.