

Meeting Minutes

URI Equity Council Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2010

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Green Hall President's Conference Room

Attendance:

Report of Student Leadership Conference

Students from I AM U-URI Unity in Difference group gave a report on the Student Leadership Conference that was held at Alton Jones on February 5-6, 2010. They presented a copy of their report to President Dooley, Provost Don DeHayes and VP Tom Dougan. There was discussion after the report was given. The President indicated that he would like to have contact information for the students who attended this conference and he would like to have a follow up meeting at his home to discuss the issues in the report. It was also noted that some of the students' points could be put into the Student Affairs plan.

Discussion of December 18 letter from Equity Council to President Dooley:

The December 18 letter from the Equity Council to President Dooley was discussed. The Equity Council thanked the President for the staff support assigned to the Council. The President agreed to meet with Trish and Gerald before each Equity Council meeting and invited them to attend the VP meetings on a monthly basis to briefly report issues on behalf of the Equity Council.

There was also discussion about the announcement to the community about the Equity Council from the President that Trish drafted. The President was appreciative that Trish had written something up for him, but would like to have it sent to him electronically so that he can make some changes to it. There was some discussion on ideas for a campus event.

Ideas for Event:

Activist could speak

It should come from President's Office

Loud and high profile

Endowed lecture at beginning of the year

VP for Diversity Update:

Jason Pina has spoken with President Dooley and has gotten names of other presidents to speak with about if they have a Chief Diversity Officer.

Lynne Derbyshire is putting together job descriptions and has made good progress.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.