

**URI EQUITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2009**

**Attendance:** Jerry Schaffran (meeting chair), Laura Beauvais, Dania Branford-Calvo, Kyle Kusz, Karol Leuzarder, Jody Lisberger, Domingo Morel, Carolyn Sovet, Pamela Rohland, Grace Frenzel, Gail Faris, Barb Silver, Ann Morrissey, Lynne Derbyshire, Melvin Wade, Trish Morokoff

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of minutes of March 24, 2009: the minutes will be distributed following the meeting.
3. Discussion of Candidates for URI President: there was general discussion relating to the first two candidates.
4. Tom Dougan requested a meeting to discuss diversity issue with Lynne Baker-Dooley. There was a discussion of topics for the meeting.
5. It was agreed to meet Thursday April 30 following the last candidate's interviews to summarize feedback for the Board of Governors. It was agreed that comments should be sent to Trish and Jerry who will summarize them.
6. Meeting with the President's team: Trish met with the President's team on April 21<sup>st</sup>. She discussed the importance of Diversity Committees within each Division and College of the University. It was agreed that we would send a follow-up letter to the Vice Presidents and offer to meet with them if they desired assistance with their Diversity Committee. It was agreed that these meetings would be with small groups from the Council.
7. Strategic Planning meeting: Dania suggested that she might be able to provide some funding for the event. It was agreed we should look into meeting at the Bay Campus sometime in June.