

# Faculty Senate Diversity Committee

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### Meeting Dates

September 12, 2013

October 17, 2013

November 21, 2013

January 27, 2014

March 4, 2014

March 27, 2014

April 24, 2014

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## **1) Programming**

**Chair: J. French & L. Marchese**

The Committee met several times on-line or in person for planning of the April 22, 2014 Cady School Visit at CCSU. This event involved 10-15 Boys from the Cady School detention facility being given a campus tour by CCSU students, classroom observations (Taught by Professors Merenstein, Fallahi, and Cistilli), meeting CCSU student athletes, and a rocket demonstration by Dr. Naoumov's students.

Grant(s): A \$500 grant to support the Cady School visit was received from the CCSU Office of Diversity and Equity.

Other Events: The FSDC piloted a brown bag lecture series during the 2013-14 academic year. This involved monthly presentations taught by seven faculty members of the FSDC.

## **2) Curriculum Sub-Committee**

**Chair: P. Karpuk**

Four new course sections were added this academic year for D-designation. At least 3 are currently in processing. The following courses were this academic year:

- PSY 430 Intergroup Relations (Thai)
- EDTE314 Applied Learning Theories (Love)
- EDSC425 Principles of Secondary Education (Love)
- EDF:415 Education Foundations (Love)

The sub-committee continued to recruit interested faculty in either participating in the d-designation workshops or in submitting courses to the ongoing d-designation list. As of April 2014, there are 18 d-designation course sections with an additional 3 coming through the curriculum committee. Our goal is to achieve 25 d-designation courses by May 2015

## **3) Website Committee**

**Chair: C. Fallahi**

Changes to the website for the year involve routine updates: membership, adding FSDC meeting minutes, etc.

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### **4) Review 2013/2014**

There have been no changes to the bylaws this year. The committee is involved in the following projects, which are on going:

- a) Diversity Scholar Program Proposal, C.Fallahi will continue to lead efforts to develop a Diversity Scholar Program, which will be a way to acknowledge the service, course work / workshops attended, and research of undergraduate students related to diversity.
- b) The Diversity Brown-Bag lecture series will be revisited due to the general low attendance of faculty and students at these events.
- c) The Cady School visit is being considered for expansion involving Cady School visiting CCSU in the Fall, and the CCSU faculty and students involved will visit the students in the Cady School Facility in the Spring (as a follow-up).
- d) The FSDC continues to add courses with the D-designation. Four new courses have been added to the d-designation this year, raising the total number of courses with a D-Designation to 18.
- e) The FSDC is considering a lesson study model in the coming academic year, where FSDC faculty will observe their peer's instruction and together reflect on the effectiveness of incorporating diversity and social justice in the instruction, content, and classroom climate.
- f) The diversity assessment project (assessing the effectiveness of diversity courses) will be revisited at a retreat this summer. The faculty will decide if to continue the project and, if so, how to develop a more standardized method for measuring the effectiveness of d-designated courses.

Respectfully Submitted,

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