

**Diversity Council**  
**Thursday, August 25, 2011**  
**Dogwood B**  
**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Attending:**

Dorothy Ashworth, Alumna Representative  
Anna Buryk, Admissions Counselor  
Pam Davis, Director of Human Resources  
Danny Green, Associate VP for Enrollment, Diversity Council Chair  
Jan Hargrove, Director of Teaching Fellows  
Desiree' Jones, Student Representative  
Donna Knott, Secretary to Council  
Sarah May, Apartment Manager, The Oaks  
Kevin Morrison, Associate Director of Study Abroad & International Student Advisor  
Tomecca Sloane, Director of Commuter Life and Diversity Programs  
Allynna Stone, Alumna Representative  
Kagure Wamunyu, Student Representative

**Not Attending:**

Patty Blackwell, Facilities Services  
Cameron Johnson, Art Instructor  
Wetonah Parker, Professor, School of Education and Director, Teacher Education

**S Y N O P S I S**

**Welcome-** Danny welcomed members to the first meeting of the year. For new members Anna Buryk, Desiree' Jones and Kagure Wamunyu he explained the purpose of the council.

**Lunch Discussion** – Members were provided an article from the News and Observer, dated August 25, 2011. The opinion piece *Immigration Overhaul – Current law counterproductive* served as the background for discussion on the growing Hispanic population at Meredith, the successes of those students, outgrowth support from their attendance, as well as challenges and misperceptions of college enrollment.

**Year in Review 2010-2011** – Members were provided a draft of the *Year in Review 2010-2011* document. Diversity Council Activities were discussed for ensure thoroughness of documented involvement during 2010-2011. In addition, each category and activity was reviewed for relevance for the 2011-2012 year. Modifications were recommended and are documented in the new *Meredith College Diversity Council Meeting Dates & Priorities 2011-2012* document. Suggestions for speakers in 2011-2012 included—admissions, residence life, financial assistance and retention efforts, and Craig Barfield to discuss vendor relations.

**Series of Diversity Discussions for 2011-2012** – The order of the agenda was changed slightly. Lead by Tomecca Sloane, Sarah May, Desiree’ Jones, Kevin Morrison, and Allyna Stone will develop the framework for the effort to provide a campus-wide series of diversity discussions. Although some topics may overlap, the purpose of the series will be to bring awareness to the community on issues of diversity to a larger audience and is not intended to replace Study Circles.

**Art Procurement** – Two student pieces were purchased this past summer for part of the permanent collection already donated to campus by the Diversity Council. Members were asked for recommendations on appropriate areas of display.

**Other Business** - It was requested that members discuss whether to continue providing lunch at the Diversity Council meeting. Members thoroughly discussed campus perceptions, alternatives and options. After weighing the issues, members agreed that providing lunches at the council meetings should continue, especially since campus guests, alumnae, and outside guests participate in the meetings.

**Announcements** – None

**Next meeting** – October 27, 2011 – location to be determined

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Knott