

ULM DIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES (DRAFT)  
MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2007  
Room 161 ULM Student Center

AGENDA

1. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of draft minutes from previous meeting
3. Election of Chair and Secretary for 2007/2008 academic year
4. Adoption of plan to rotate members
5. Discuss development of a permanent Office of Diversity at ULM
6. Other business
7. Adjourn

Members present: F. Adams, J. Anderson R. Flowers, R. Goad, R. Hanser, P. Sanders, P. Saulsberry, J. Watkins, D. Williams  
Members not present (excused): W. Brumfield, F. Gibson, R. Phillips, J. Riley, B. Cooper

Chairman Knesel called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.; roll was called and the agenda approved.

The minutes from the meeting of August 15, 2006 were approved as written.

Nominations were opened for Chair and Secretary positions for the upcoming academic year. The Committee agreed that the terms should run from July 1 to July 1. Dr. Robert Hanser was elected Chair for the upcoming year and Dr. John Knesel was elected Secretary.

The Committee considered and approved a plan to rotate membership: at the end of 2007/2008 – 1/3 of the membership will rotate off; at the end of 2008/2009 – 1/3 of the membership will rotate off; at the end of 2009/2010 – 1/3 of the membership will rotate off. The Committee felt a crucial point would be to maintain the diversity of the Committee itself, so as to reflect the diversity of our campus. During the upcoming year a rubric will be developed for maintaining that diversity on the Committee.

The Committee discussed and approved steps to develop and communicate the need for a dialogue concerning the establishment of a permanent Office for Diversity (or of Special Needs and Diversity or comparably named entity) with a minimum of a Director, Assistant/Associate Director, Secretary and Graduate Assistant.

The Committee discussed information indicating that in the Ark-La-Miss region there are approximately 12,000 high school students designated with special needs and the implications for the recruitment of these students.

The Committee noted that although the Student Center has both inside and outside ramps for wheelchairs, the doors have no opening devices and thus persons in wheelchairs cannot enter or exit by themselves.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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JR R. Knesel*