

## President's Commission on Diversity Meeting Notes – April 20, 2016 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. – ADM 167

Present: Andy Feinstein; Stacy Gleixner; Debra Griffith; Michael Kimbarow; Sue Martin; Mary

Okin; Julie Paisant; Hector Perea; Michael Randle; Itza Sanchez; Jeanette Somo;

Meghna Virick; Hyon Chu Yi-Baker

Absent: Reggie Blaylock; Astrid Davis; Frances Howard; Andrew Hsu; Fernanda Karp;

Navpreet Kaur; Veronica Mendoza Hand; Lydia Ortega

PCD co-chair Reggie Blaylock thanked Stacy Gleixner for her outstanding efforts in taking on the task of putting in place the Conversations on Campus Climate Open Forum and break out conversations, including securing faculty and staff to serve as the break out conversations leads.

- 1. Debrief on Conversations on Campus Climate Event. Stacy went over the consolidated points from all the April 11th Conversations on Campus Climate break-out sessions, where faculty, staff, and students had the opportunity to provide their feedback on the campus climate survey results and their thoughts on how our campus community can move forward toward a more inclusive community. The facilitated dialogues also provided the opportunity to share their experiences and vision for an inclusive university community and what we need to be doing to get there.
- 2. Climate for SJSU's Palestinian and Jewish Students. The commission discussed the Canary Mission's website and Twitter campaign about our students. This external campaign is impacting SJSU climate because the students have the perception that other SJSU students are facilitating Canary Mission. The commission talked about what the university could possibly do about that perception and what actions to take for these students to feel safe and supported at SJSU.
- 3. **Next Steps from Hillel's Presentation**. The commission talked about possible action items the PCD may want to put in place in support of our Jewish students. It was decided that Stacy and Hyon-Chu would hold a focus group session with SJSU Jewish students to get their perspective on SJSU's climate.
- 4. **Other Items**: Think about possibly having the PCD meet during the summer and perhaps more than twice a month. Stacy will be working over the summer to secure dates, venues, and facilitators for the Conversations on Campus Climate sessions for the fall.