

PHHP Diversity Committee
Meeting Summary
March 9, 2015
9:00-10:00 am
HPNP 4102

Present: M. Amaya, A. Blue, A. Burne, H. Chapman, B. Dermott, C. Ewing, M. Hart, C. Toth, K. Vaddiparti

1. Christy Ewing was welcomed as the incoming chair of the committee.
2. Ms. Leslie Pendleton, Director of Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars, gave a presentation about the program and led a discussion of how the college can connect with and support these students. One avenue is the Academy of Leadership (FOSAL) which runs from January to November. Another avenue is the life coach program and the First Generation Advocate Program (faculty members pledge to be available as a resource for students. PHHP currently has 45 MFOS students. Some specific ideas for our college included a career day/night to introduce students to careers related to PHHP, industry tours with PHHP alumni, academic advisor outreach, conversations with the dean, and featured alumni talks with students who graduated from the FOSAL program.
3. Dr. Mary Kay Carodine Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, led a discussion related to developing a Cultural Competence Continuum Workshop. Dr. Carodine suggested that a starting point is identifying where faculty and students may have gaps in competency. She also noted that her staff may be able to assist with the cultural competence module for Intro to Public Health. AP: Dr. Hart with share module with MCDA staff. It was agreed that an informal, skill-building approach would be the most effective. It was agreed that two hours would be an appropriate amount of time. AP: Next step is to identify dates and make preliminary plans.
4. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20.