I. Welcome

II. Approval of minutes from February 18 meeting: Approved

III. Discussion: BIPOC Priority #1: Guests: Dean Yves Idzerda, Dr. David Eitle, and Dr. David Cherry

Provided an update to Diversity Council about the development of a certificate and minor for Africana Studies (name of program TBD). They are exploring new courses to offer in this area in fall ‘21 or spring ‘22. The certificate/minor will be interdisciplinary and they will seek student input throughout the process. They have developed some faculty incentive programs to support development of new courses and are exploring measures to ensure sustainability of this academic offering.

IV. Informational item: Rainbows Over the Rockies, April 15-17, 2021: Guest: Dr. Paul Lachapelle

https://www.montana.edu/communitydevelopment/rainbows/

V. Informational item: Brief report on NADOHE conference: Presented by Liz Greenfield

VI. Annual Diversity Report: Discussion of best timeframe for publication.

VII. Public Comment:

Becoming an ally in Indian Country Training- Alison Harmon
Internal mini-grant in EEHD working on diversity issues awarded- Alison Harmon
ASMSU Diversity & Inclusion committee voting standing committee next week – Marianne Brough
Students have been actively participating Legislative testimony- Marianne Brough
CLS listening sessions have consistently pointed to the housing crisis- Bridget Kevane
MSU Viral Pow Wow next week – Ariel Donohue

Next meeting: April 15, 2021 from 1:30-3:00 pm via WebEx
from Marianne Brough (internal) to everyone: it might be rewarding (and Pro-Strategic Plan) to have a curricular and co-curricular partnership for maybe a service trip during BreaksAway or other service learning opps

from Julia Heard (internal) to everyone: Certificates under 29 credits require Level I approval from BOR. Certificates over 29 credits require a more involved Level II review.

from Elizabeth Greenfield (internal) to everyone: Agree

from Brennan Reeves to everyone: Good point PJ

from Marianne Brough (internal) to everyone: There are also many Black folx who dont identify as culturally African, who may be from the Caribbean etc.

from Marianne Brough (internal) to everyone: So Africana is a broader fit

from PJ Diamond, she/her (internal) to everyone: ^^ more of a reason it should have a broad context.

from Elizabeth Greenfield (internal) to everyone: Yes, Bridget. Completely agree

from Paul Lachapelle (he/him) (internal) to everyone: https://virtualrainbowsummit.org/schedule/

from Paul Lachapelle (he/him) (internal) to everyone: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7ASDHgwbg3HzJNh4RxuFfog/videos

from Ariel Donohue (internal) to everyone: Little known fact: she writes, mostly spy and romance novels, under the pen name "Selena Montgomery."

from Megan Lasso (internal) to everyone: Liz, I would love to see more from this particular presentation or maybe chat with you if you have time.

from Ariel Donohue (internal) to everyone: Allegories on race and racism, Camara Jones: https://ed.ted.com/on/emYm0MBq

from Marianne Brough (internal) to everyone: Maybe do it early enough that it could also affect strategic funding requests like SIP proposals and OTO proposals

from Marianne Brough (internal) to everyone: if we get data that we need funds to respond to needs, I'd love to have that data in a timely way so that we can respond quickly