

MINUTES

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

November 11, 2024

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Via Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/82191118172>

Present: Donna Westfall-Rudd (presiding), Anita Jenious, Bernard Moussad, Joseph Cooley, Lauren Oliver, Erica Cooper, Vincent Wang, Hans Carlo Rivera, Larry Cox II, Anthony Scott, Barbara Lockee, Brendan David-John, April Myers, Jasmine Boyd, Ellington Graves, Asher Burns, Michael Walsh

Absent with Notice: Nicole Akers, Ellen Banks, Bryan Garey, Amber Hogan, Brandy McCann, Terri Pecora, Kevin Pitts, Menah Pratt, Lydia Qualls, Charles Schleupner, Judy Taylor

Absent:

Guests: Kiera Schneiderman

Donna Westfall-Rudd called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the November 2024 agenda. The motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2024 minutes. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 2024 minutes. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2024 minutes with edits. The motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

None

4. New Business

Election of the CEOD representative to the Campus Development Committee. Joseph Cooley, nominated, approved.

Potential Resolution on Student Religious Accommodations. No action was taken. Tabled until the December meeting.

5. Committee and Working Group Updates

Spring Retreat Committee. The committee reported that a survey would be sent to all caucus representatives for feedback regarding a desired retreat date and topics.

Fall meeting of Caucus Chairs. It was reported that the date is still to be determined.

6. Presentation

Dr. Ellington Graves, Interim Senior Associate Vice Provost for Inclusion and Diversity, provided a follow-up report of efforts since the last CEOD meeting.

7. Other Items

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm.