



Cultural Awareness Team Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 12, 2023

TIME/LOCATION: 2:00 pm/Zoom

Roll Call:

✓	Mindy Ashby	✓	Donna Price
✓	Stephanie Bigham	✓	Felicia Rouse
✓	Leslie Cornelious-Weldon	✓	Amber Suggs
✓	Jessica Edwards		James Walton
✓	Jacqueline Hamilton-Smith		Brandy Woods
	Lorena Hines		Robert Woolridge
	Erin King		
✓	Karen McGoy		
	Kayde Pender		

✓ indicates attendance, leaving blank indicates absent

I. Call to Order

Felicia called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
A quorum was present.

II. Approve Minutes of June meeting

No minutes to approve.

III. Juneteenth Celebration

Feedback on the Juneteenth Celebration was solicited. Spot on local news was great. Provided SMART transportation was not utilized. Designated room for streaming at extension centers. Felicia's role is to be an advisor for the team. Need more faculty and team member involvement in activities. Ways to increase outreach were discussed. Employee attendance at events may be tracked with calendar invites.

IV. FY24 Topics

Calendar of topics will be developed. A list of possible topics was provided, and included implicit bias, stereotypes, stereotype threat, and micro-aggressions. Mindy suggested adding ableism. Can use videos, social media, SCC website, and sign holders around campus to promote awareness of topics.



V. FY24 Activities

Need to begin planning FY24 activities. Must have an educational component and be tied to the strategic plan. Amber will explore inviting SIU student groups to do presentations. Jessica will share diversity information she has been scanning. Tradition specific to SCC such as school song/anthem was mentioned. Mindy will bring list of Student Affairs events to help with scheduling of Cultural Awareness activities.

Lengthy discussion on issues surrounding food insecurity--no options with cafeteria closed, barriers to accessing Food Pantry, students feeling unsafe in some communities. Jackie shared information on the Food Pantry and how it functions. Possible options to increase its use were discussed.

VI. New Business

- Mindy Ashby presented the new online model of New Student Orientation that is currently being developed. This version increases accessibility for both prospective and current students. A section for Cultural Awareness could be added under Campus Life.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.