

**Diversity Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2010**  
**Newcomb Hall Room 389**

**Present:** Kelli Sauls, Connie Lee, Maria Chee, Bob Covert, Wraegen Williams, Amy Chen, Peggy Dame, Kelli Palmer, Sharon Davie, Adettra Thomas, Erica Spangler, Jennifer Harmon, Robert Fatton, Barbara Millar, Martha Ballenger, Maurice Apprey, Eric Coleman, Rudy Beverly for Vince Jones

**Guest:** Erik Arvidson

**ODE Staff:** Marcus Martin, Gail Prince-Davis, Meghan Saunders

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of October 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes:** October minutes were reviewed and approved without suggested corrections/revisions.
- III. Asian Student Union:** Amy Chen provided an overview of the Asian Student Union.
  - a. The APA is a diverse population with over 40 A/APA interest CIOs on ground.
  - b. The mission of the ASU is to serve the University of Virginia by advocating on behalf of the Asian/Asian Pacific American (A/APA) community through social, political, cultural and educational avenues.
  - c. Asian Pacific American Studies (APAS), minor was founded in 2004, housed in the American Studies Program at the University of Virginia, is an interdisciplinary program that familiarizes students with the cultural and political contours of Asian Pacific America.
- IV. Queer Student Union.** Erik Arvidson provided an overview of the QSU.
  - a. The Queer Student Union at the University of Virginia was originally called the Gay Student Union and was organized in 1972. The QSU strives to provide a safe, welcoming, and confidential environment for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning individuals in the community.
  - b. The QSU organizes services, activities, and social programs for the student population at UVA, with an emphasis on queer culture and social thought.
  - c. As the largest LGBT group on Grounds, the QSU works to represent and advocate LGBT students' concerns to the University's administration, alumni/ae, and the local government.
  - d. All meetings are held off grounds and member names are kept confidential
  - e. The QSU works with other organizations such as Queer and Allied Activism, Minority Rights Coalition, LGBT Resource Center and the Serpentine Society and various other organizations.
- V. Women's Center Update:** Sharon Davie provided an overview of the Women's Center programs.
  - a. Diversity and Advocacy
    - i. Internship Program
    - ii. International Initiatives
  - b. Scholar activities speaker series
  - c. UVA Distinguished Alumni Dinners

- d. Young Women's Leaders program
- e. Counseling Services

**VI. UVA IDEA Update:** Dr. Martin mentioned that UVA IDEA fund has been established. There are currently 6 Trustees of the fund with a target of 10 members by June 2011. The first meeting will be held in Washington DC on December 14.