

Notes from FS DEI Meeting 9/17/25

Our Committee met on 9/17/25 at 4:00 pm in Hadley Hall room 127 and via zoom.

We had a student guest from the Alamo campus

Senator Kim Lopez-Gallagher requested we add discussion of the Disability Access Services (DAS) Flex program to our agenda. The guest speaker was a student who utilizes the services of DAS.

Apparently, it was shared that there are some concerns involving communication responses (through an automated portal) and timeliness. It was shared that 2 extensions of completion of assignments are typically granted as a standard for each semester. Additional extensions are reviewed and granted on a case by case basis. When a student goes to the portal to request an extension, they must list the purpose of the request for extension. The decision is then emailed to student and instructor, where they can see purpose. What if student has to disclose a panic attack as reason-should all see that? Senator Kopera-Frye suggested that Senator Lopez-Gallagher and she meet with Dr. Trujillo, Director, DAS, and then invite her to a subsequent DEI meeting.

Information on free registration for Imagining America was shared

Issue of name change was noted to be brought up at next FSLC meeting

First meeting of Task force on Inclusive Practices at a Land Grant University was to be held after this first DEI meeting. Focus of group on restructuring EID Office

Respectfully submitted by Senator and Chair of FS DEI Committee, Karen Kopera-Frye