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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**VCRGE Equity and Diversity Committee Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017**  
**Start/End Time: 2:00 – 3:30 PM**  
**Location: 52 Bascom Hall**

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Members:</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
		Kory Breuer – WID	X
	Eileen Callahan – Graduate School	X	
	Wayne Davis – Biotech		X
	Liz Epp – RARC	X	
	Todd Forsythe – Institute on Aging	X	
	Rebekah Franklin – RARC	X	
	Isabelle Girard – OVCRGE	X	
	Tina Gislason – WIPAC	X	
	Toni Gunnison – UW Press, Chair	X	
	Darrell Hamilton – PSL		X
	Deborah Hartley – Primate Center	X	
	Marchel Hill – Molecular Virology	X	
	Julie Karpelenia – VCRGE	X	
	Josh Knackert – WIPAC	X	
	Anne Moser – Aquatic Sciences Center	X	
	Jim Porter – Institute on Aging	X	
	Jacob Schoville – Biotron	X	
	Maria Vasys – SSEC		X
	Mark Wegener – Arboretum	X	
	Lauren Weitkamp – CMB		X
	Choutae Yang – Waisman		X
<b>Scribe</b>	Kory Breuer - WID		

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<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>WHO</b>
<b>Welcome:</b> The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm	Chair
<b>Review and approval of January 2017 minutes.</b> Minutes were reviewed and approved with the noted corrections.	All
<b>New Business/Updates:</b> Two new members were introduced to the group: Josh Knackert who is the Diversity Fellow at WIPAC and Jim Porter from the Institute on Aging.	

<p><b>Equity and Diversity chairs meeting</b>  Toni reviewed the materials from the February 1 Equity &amp; Diversity Chairs meeting. Business during the meeting primarily focused on recent events (executive order on immigration, alt-right group on campus, unintentionally offensive PowerPoint slide in Botany lecture, VCFA comment on 'safe spaces') and campus responses to those events. The upcoming campus conversations events, scheduled for the week of February 13, were also discussed.</p> <p>The documentary <i>13<sup>TH</sup></i> was recently screened at Union South. The documentary explores racial inequality in the US, focusing on disproportionate incarceration rates within the prison system. This film is available on Netflix and it was recommended that committee members watch it if they have the opportunity. Toni also suggested the possibility of screening the film as a group.</p> <p><b>Evicted book discussion with Zoe Nissen</b>  The committee warmly welcomed Zoe Nissen, graduate student in library and information studies. Zoe asked members to share what stood out to them most from the book. A common theme was a new appreciation for the experiences and hardships faced by others. A number of members mentioned living near or visiting the neighborhoods described in the book, but not fully understanding what it was like to live there. Other members remarked on the author's scholarship, as well as his ability to connect the reader with his subjects.</p> <p>Zoe asked follow up questions on the meaning of "poverty" and the author's assertion that eviction is a "cause" not a "condition". The group agreed that the issue of eviction continues to be a "hidden problem" and the book is important as a way of bringing this issue to the attention of a broader audience.</p>	<p>Toni</p> <p>Zoe Nissen, All</p>
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p><b>Future workshops</b>  Eve Fine from WISELI will speak at the March meeting.</p> <p>Gabe Javier (LGBT Campus Center) was too busy and won't be able to speak to the committee. However, Gabe will present at a Lunch and Learn workshop sponsored by the CALS Equity &amp; Diversity Committee on February 16 at Noon at the Biochemical Sciences Building. Members of the committee are invited to attend. Marchel will send out an email reminder – no prior registration is required.</p> <p>Marchel also mentioned the Art of Conflict Transformation and other classes being offered by the Division of Continuing Studies.</p>	
<p><b>New Business/Discussion:</b></p> <p>Toni has begun working on a document for the April meeting with the VCRGE.</p>	

<p>She will distribute a draft for input from committee members.</p> <p>Shelly Vils-Havel will also present at the April meeting.</p> <p>Members were reminded that OVCRGE E&amp;D committee meetings are open to all interested individuals and all center staff are invited to attend.</p>	
<p><b>Talking points and closing announcements</b></p> <p>A new group photo for the talking points template will be taken at a future meeting.</p> <p>The February talking points that will be distributed to the centers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation to read <i>Evicted</i>, also available as an audiobook on Audible.com</li> <li>• Invitation to CALS Lunch &amp; Learn series</li> <li>• Discussion of other upcoming E&amp;D related workshops/events</li> <li>• Open invitation to all center members to attend monthly committee meetings.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Adjourned at 3:35 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2017, Room 52 Bascom Hall</b></p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>Future minutes: Mark Wegener (Arboretum)</b></p> <p><b>Reminder check agenda for minute takers for each month.</b></p>	