

January 11, 2024 meeting

Members in Attendance

Kevin Pearson

Peter Akpunonu

Laneshia Conner

Brittany Smalls

Anaya Ali (Student Rep)

Vanessa Jackson (ex officio)

- SCDI membership
 - Dr. Loka Ashwood is overcommitted and asked to step down from the committee
 - There will be no replacement this year
- Kevin invited Dr. Lisa Tannock, Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement to the April 11, 2024 meeting.
- Invite Damon Williams (OID) to discuss the sustainability of the employee affinity groups and the alignment with the university's strategic plan and goals related to community
 - Funding for affinity groups, what's the availability, how are they able to use it?
 - Logistics, etc.
 - What are the plans for reaching out to the college community to discuss the current and future legislature?
 - Updates about the office leadership itself—who are in given roles?
 - **Kevin emailed Damon, and he responded OID are not presenting until “after conclusion of the session which concludes April 15”. He copied Jay Blanton so I asked him to attend our February meeting. Jay Blanton confirmed his attendance.
- Other new business
 - Food insecurity (Contact Kendra OoNorasak and Alison Gustafson, Food as Health Alliance)
 - Anaya is going to craft a couple of sentences on what we will request of Kendra/Dr. Gustafson
 - One of the areas that is increasing on campus is staff and faculty with different abilities (i.e., audio/visual impairments) and resources and supports available to units. There will be implications for productivity and evaluation.
 - Kevin invited Dr. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, Chair of the Senate Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance, to the March SCDI meeting.
 - SCDAC charge can be found here, <https://universitysenate.uky.edu/committee/disability-accommodation-and-compliance>