

The DACA, International and Immigration Task Force

Notes from the February 21, 2017 Meeting

1. Introduction of Diana Feige; a new member, Protestant Chaplain Reverend Michael Sniffen will be invited.
2. New DACA, International and Immigration LibGuide developed by Sally Stieglitz was demonstrated. Suggestions were made to add items such as a new tab for documentaries.
 - LibGuid is meant to be an objective source of immigration and DACA resources.
 - Site should remain objective in content and open to multiple perspectives.
 - Updated LibGuide to be ready to go live February 22. Additional edits should be sent to Sally.
 - How do we promote site? Erica Klein?
3. Two advocacy initiatives were discussed:
 - A letter from Adelphi's president which will invite sign-ons from all the 130 private colleges/universities in NYS positions Adelphi to lead on this topic.
 - Focus would be on the shared values in higher education; that emerging national policies conflict with these values, making it more difficult for higher education institutions to deliver on their missions, we stand together to ask for national policies that help us achieve our missions.
 - Perry and Esther will work with Joanna Templeton to draft such a letter.
 - Joanne will work with IT and the president's office to issue.
 - If all 130 presidents sign, there could be a state wide media strategy on this.
 - The president may want to garner support from CICU.
 - A second letter, similar to the one above noted but with a call to action which speaks to the emerging national scene on immigration could be issued to the entire campus. IT is pricing out a vendor to help with this, if needed.
4. Connection made with Hofstra Law School which is developing an immigration clinic.

- Will not be up to running for about 4 weeks.
 - Unsure as to what kind of cases they may be taking on.
 - We are on their contact list to explore collaborations.
5. John Drew will be directing a video about authentic voices of students and staff with experiences related to Task Force charge.
 6. Discussion about how to centralize all resources, all in one place, for easy student/community access.
 - All resources garnered by Task Force members to-date and in the future will be sent to Jeff Kessler to be organized and presented.
 7. Student Affairs is reaching out to local community organizations to garner volunteer opportunities for our students/staff that will assist the organizations in their work.

Next Steps

- Wendy will report on possible summer/intersession housing options for international students.
- John will send out a request for possible questions or topics for the video.
- Sally will update LibGuide with Task Forces' suggestions.
- Esther and Perry will follow up with Joanna in UCOMM on both letter projects.

Esther, Perry and Staff

February 23, 2017