

**Diversity & Inclusion Committee of the Faculty Senate**  
**Monday, 1/14/2019, Meeting Summary**

Committee members in attendance: Jennifer Akerman (Architecture), Joel Anderson (Nursing), Misty Anderson (English), Sarah Eldridge (Modern Foreign Languages), Niki Labbe (Center for Renewable Carbon), Thura Mack (Library), Srinivasan Mahadevan (Psychology), Lisa Muller (Wildlife), Amber Roessner (Journalism), Casey Sams (Theater),

The Diversity & Inclusion committee of the Faculty Senate convened on January 14, 2019.

Members present applauded Interim Chancellor Wayne Davis's decision to appoint Tyvi Small as Interim Vice Chancellor for Diversity & Engagement; voted to approve a draft letter of gratitude for the leadership of Robert Blitt amid incidents of hate speech at UT's Rock last semester; considered organization and planning for the United at the Rock and corresponding free speech symposium the week of March 4th; discussed the opportunity to co-sponsor a campus symposium on critical race theory in March; and pondered additional goals for the semester, most importantly assisting Small in his new role.

Our next meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday, February 25, in COM 402 (the John and Patty Williams Conference Room of UT's College of Communication & Information's Scripps Lab). The preliminary agenda includes an update on the free speech symposium; an update on UT's Pride Center; and Dialogue over Assistance to Interim Vice Chancellor for Diversity & Engagement Tyvi Small.