

**Diversity Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 17, 2011**  
**Newcomb Hall Commonwealth Room**

**Present:** Sharon Davie, Adettra Thomas, Jennifer Harmon, Barbara Millar, Martha Ballenger, Bob Covert, Jon Bowen, Robert Fatton, Valerie Gregory, Vince Jones, Eric Coleman, Vicki Gist, Ashley Fleming, Melvin Mallory, Debbie Mincarelli, Ed Warwick

**ODE Staff:** Marcus Martin, Gail Prince-Davis, Meghan Saunders

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of February 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes:** February minutes were reviewed and approved. No corrections/revisions were suggested.
- III. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center:** Ed Warwick, Program Coordinator for the LGBT Resource Center, gave an overview of the LGBT Resource Center. The LGBT Resource Center is located in Newcomb Hall and is fully staffed by students. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 11 AM–4 PM. The LGBT Resource Center offers support for sexual and gender minority students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members and their allies. Ed discussed programs and support groups offered through the LGBT Resource Center. Ed provided a short demonstration of one of the programs offered through the LGBT Resource Center - The Safe Space Training. Safe Space program training educates participants about LGBT issues, creates awareness about the challenges that LGBT students face and provides tools for supportive allies. Safe Space training is optional for all faculty, staff, teaching assistants and students. If you are interested in attending the 2- hour training session or learn more about the programs offered through the LGBT Resource Center, please visit the LGBT Resource Center website: [www.virginia.edu/deanofstudents/lgbt](http://www.virginia.edu/deanofstudents/lgbt).
- IV. Office of the Dean of Students Overview:** Vicki Gist, Assistant Dean, Office of the Dean of Students provided an overview of the Office of the Dean of Students. Allen Groves, Associate VP for Affairs and Dean of Students oversees 5 units: Central Office at Peabody Hall, Student Activities, Orientation and New Student Programs, Residence Life, and Fraternity and Sorority Life. Vicki provided a one page handout which briefly discussed the services offered by the ODOS. For a full explanation of the all services offered please visit the ODOS website: <http://www.virginia.edu/deanofstudents/>.
- V. John T. Casteen Diversity-Equity-Inclusion Leadership Award:** Dr. Martin reminded the Diversity Council that the second annual John T. Casteen Diversity-Equity-Inclusion Leadership award presentation and luncheon will be held tomorrow at Alumni Hall. All Council members are invited.

Meeting adjourned: 10:00