Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Action Planning Workgroup

March 9, 2022
9:00-10:00 am

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Regular meeting postponed

The workgroup’s regular March 9 agenda was postponed because co-chairs needed more time to prepare the draft vision statement and stakeholder survey plan for the workgroup’s review and input. These materials will be assessed at the March 16 meeting.

In lieu of a regular meeting, workgroup members participated individually in a training session about Fostering Belonging as a Leader. Co-chairs asked members of the DEI Workgroup to consider the ways they demonstrate leadership in their position. The division’s senior leaders are also participating in this same training session, and workgroup members will be talking with DFA leaders and supervisors about ways we can all better encourage a sense of belonging among our colleagues in the division and across the university.

2. Workgroup members met on their own in small groups

Co-chairs encouraged workgroup members to meet separately in informal small groups to discuss the training session about establishing belonging, and to share ideas about the DEI action plan under development.

3. Next steps

At the next meeting, workgroup members will finalize a draft vision statement, along with the plan for obtaining stakeholder feedback about the DEI vision. Stakeholder input will be incorporated into the vision statement. The workgroup will then move into the assessment and data collection stage, which will inform the details of the DEI action plan.

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