Summary of Minutes

I) Welcome

Bob Bliss welcomed all the members and everyone introduced themselves. The group gave special mention to commemorate the life and work of Nelson Mandela.

II) African American Studies Program-Dr. Niyi Coker

Dr. Niyi Coker spoke about the importance and benefits of his proposed African American Studies program. He mentioned the history of African American studies programs across the United States and his experiences with creating and maintaining these programs. Dr. Coker updated the council on the current status of the proposed program at UMSL. The council expressed support.

III) Diversity Plan

Deborah Burris reintroduced the Diversity Plan draft. She asked the committee members for input. The group agreed to draft a questionnaire for the Five Year Review. The members discussed the Cultural Competency Training as well.