

# Arts & Humanities Council Meeting of March 2, 2023

10:00-11:30am

Facilitator: Abby Scheel

Minutes: Jeremy Ott

Attendees: L. Cunningham, S. Grant, R. Haber, M. Hamed, J. He, A. Malik, T. Marra, J. Ott, S. Peterson, C. Potts, A. Scheel, N. Shiraishi

## Agenda

1. Announcements (5 min.)
  - a. Opening reception for the Brown Gallery [exhibit](#) Letters | الحروف How Artists Reimagined Language in the Age of Decolonization, planned by Lynn Cunningham, Mohamed Hamed, Amber Lawrence, and Anneka Lenssen is Wednesday, March 15, 5:00-6:30 pm in the Morrison Library (M. Hamed)
  - b. Reading by Claire Hong in the Lunch Poems series on March 2nd in the Morrison Library (S. Peterson)
2. Campus DEI Initiatives and Discussion (Amy Scharf, Director, Faculty and Departmental Diversity Initiative Division of Equity and Inclusion) (50 min)
  - a. A. Scharf asked Council members to contribute to a word cloud on values that they bring to DEIBJ work. Frequently occurring responses included: diversity, empathy, inclusivity, fairness, kindness, collection diversity.
  - b. Links to initiatives and information mentioned in overview presentation of Campus DEI by Amy Scharf
    - i. Latinx Thriving: <https://lti.berkeley.edu/>

ii. LTI event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lti-spring-gathering-panel-book-signing-with-dr-gina-ann-garcia-tickets-511165819727>

iii. Gina Ann Garcia book: <https://www.ginaanngarcia.com/books>

iv. African American Thriving: <https://diversity.berkeley.edu/Node/158>

v. Anti-Racism: <https://diversity.berkeley.edu/anti-racism-resources>

vi. AANAPISI Announcement:

[https://diversity.berkeley.edu/2023\\_AANAPISI\\_announcement](https://diversity.berkeley.edu/2023_AANAPISI_announcement)

c. Questions and comments from Council members on these initiatives included:

Issue of how success is defined, especially considering spiraling needs of underprivileged students on a campus experiencing budget cuts; what, if any, DEI mandates exist on campus. A. Scharf stated that mandates are a topic largely in discussion, although some work has been done on culturally relevant curricula.

d. Discussion in breakout rooms on what aspects of campus DEI initiatives excite Council members, how Council members' current work supports DEIBJ, and what more might Council members like to do within their units or collectively.

e. Comments shared with the Council following the breakout rooms: Desire to learn about DEI-related work in our national/international groups and also on campus; concern about how DEI work can be isolated from ongoing budget cuts; problem of library staff being asked to take on any more work, including DEI, in light of the already overburdened state of work responsibilities experienced by many. A. Scharf suggested institutionalizing some aspects of DEI work in order to avoid constant individual planning efforts, which might also lessen the impact of budget cuts.

Next meeting:

April 6, 2023