

Committee for Fairness, Equity, and Inclusion (CFEI) Minutes for 04/10/2026 Meeting

Meeting information:

Circulated: 9/17/26

Approved: 9/24/26

Members present: Shanna Kattari (Chair), Grace Kotre, Bénédicte Veillet, Joyce Lai, Maura Seale

Members absent: Michael Atzmon, Brandon Bond, Stefanus Jasin, Yongqing Li, Nilton Renno, NaSiya Taylor, Cleo Sawhney, Demi Jardine

Guests present: Jesse Beal

Faculty Senate Office staff present: Meaghan Blanchard

Minutes:

12:05: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the 02/06/2026 meeting are approved.

12:06: Jesse Beal, Presentation and request for tri-campus solidarity for funding of LGBTQ+ programming

Summary: Jesse Beal gives a presentation and request for tri-campus solidarity for funding of LGBTQ+ programming. Director Beal encourages faculty to get involved in these issues, loan their specific skillsets to the Flint and Dearborn campuses especially and continue to advocate for tri-campus solidarity for funding on LGBTQ+ programming and LGBTQ+ student support.

The committee agrees to draft an advocacy letter to be shared with university administration and to be potentially published in relevant news sources.

Action: Discussion

12:45: Update on Tri-Campus event

Summary: Committee members gave an update on the [Community Action Faculty Panel](#) which took place on March 13, 2026. The committee thanks the panelists for their insightful passionate perspectives and discussion. It was a lovely event.

The committee discusses turning the action panel into an annual event. The committee discusses exploring different avenues of outreach, different event modalities, and initiatives to increase student awareness and involvement in future events.

Action: Discussion

12:52: Facilities survey

Summary: The committee agrees to continue work on the previously discussed Facilities survey.

Action: Discussion

12:53: Final Feedback

Summary: The committee discusses goals for the upcoming academic year.

Action: Discussion

12:56: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Blanchard
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