

**Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 28, 2008, 3:00 p.m.  
Room 375 Witherspoon Student Center**

**Committee members present:** Felicia Baity, Andy Billingsley, Marcia Gumpertz, Kathy Lambert, Carrie McLean, Evelyn Reiman, Jo-Ann Robinson, Dave Shafer, Dan Solomon, Diedre Young,

**University Presenters:** Dr. Jose Picart, Vice Provost for Diversity and African American Affairs

**Agenda Items:**

**I. Welcome**

Vice Provost José Picart welcomed the members and asked them to introduce themselves. The following announcements and events were announced:

- 1) Multicultural Student Affairs announced that there are four finalists interviewing for the Assistant Director for Native American Affairs position. The last forum will be held tomorrow, April 29, 2008.
- 2) Vice Provost Picart announced the University Brotherhood Dinner lecture will be held Friday, May 2, 2008, at 1:00 in the Washington Sankofa Room, Witherspoon Student Center, featuring the 2008 University Community Brotherhood Dinner honoree, Dr. Prezell R. Robinson.

**II. UNC Tomorrow - Recommendations**

Vice Provost Picart reviewed the UNC Tomorrow recommendations related to diversity. The first set of NC State recommendations related to diversity focused on efforts to increase access to higher education. UNC should increase access to higher education for all North Carolinians, particularly for underserved counties, underrepresented populations, and nontraditional students. Other areas addressed in the report include enhancing disability services and increasing awareness of veterans returning from duty and seeking higher education.

A second set of recommendations focused on increasing affordability for undergraduate and graduate students. These recommendations included the Ben Ruffin Scholars Program, increasing the Pack Promise program, and institutional funding of the AGEP and IMSD initiatives.

Vice Provost Picart also shared with the committee the proposed “Pathway to Knowledge” included in the UNC, Tomorrow report. This initiative would offer Pre-College programs throughout the state using existing (agricultural and industrial) extension and engagement offices in each county.

Another diversity related recommendation in our response to the UNC Tomorrow Report was the Hispanic Initiative. The Hispanic initiative focuses on the changing demographics in North Carolina and what NC State can do to better serve the growing Hispanic population and help provide North Carolina an educated workforce.

There was discussion among the committee members about the recommendations in the NC State response to the UNC Tomorrow report.

Vice Provost Picart adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.