

UTC Chancellor's Multicultural Advisory Council  
April 11, 2017

**MINUTES**

PRESIDING: MR. TRAVIS LYTLE, CHAIR

I. Welcome

- Chairman Lytle welcomed all who were present.
- Chairman Lytle indicated the agenda for the meeting was based on the interest cards completed at the November meeting and updates on the progress made in these areas would be presented.

II. Approval of Minutes from February Meeting

- Chairman Lytle asked for a motion to approve the minutes ([found here](#)) from the February 7th meeting. Patrick Miles made the first motion and Manny Rico made the second motion.
- The minutes were passed as presented.

III. Remarks & Introductions

- Chancellor Angle introduced Shawn Ryan, who joined UTC as Executive Staff Writer in March.
- The Chancellor also introduced Dr. Rob Liddell who came to UTC in February as the Director of the Career and Student Employment Center.

IV. Career Services Presentation and Discussion

- Dr. Liddell presented information on identifying points of engagement in career planning and placement and the importance of starting early and staying engaged with all groups – students, campus and community. Dr. Liddell's PowerPoint can be found [here](#).

Q: How is the information being given to the students?

A: The Career and Student Employment Center website is being updated, with both internal and external materials. There are also plans to begin a student career peer program with approximately 50-80 students helping to operationalize programming. There are also plans to cultivate strategic partners both on and off campus.

Q: Are there plans for continued improvement for events to be relevant in searching for jobs in today's market?

A: Dr. Liddell would like to see the student peer group to serve as a listening board so as to consistently have the student perspective. To have a wider perspective and more insight in assuring UTC is producing the right type of graduate, there has to be involvement from the community/employers.

## V. Update on Areas of Interest

### A. Multicultural Center

- Tara Mathis, Associate Dean of Students and Director of the Multicultural Center, invited everyone to the Multicultural Graduation Celebration on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the University Center's Tennessee Room. Ms. Mathis also mentioned several key action items for the Multicultural Center. These are:
  - Increase efforts in connecting students to the community through internships and volunteer opportunities
  - MCC to collaborate with Chattanooga State events and opportunities to offer joint programming and prevent calendar conflicts
  - MCC's plans to rebuild HOLA and expand UTC's Hispanic History Month
  - Connect with Chattanooga State students who have transferred to UTC to be involved with the MCC and assist with rebuilding HOLA and Hispanic History Month
  - Minority and/or MCC events need to be promoted with community organizations and sent to CMAC members who can also promote and attend
  - MCC to gather details on the 2017 Women's Empowerment (WE) Retreat to share with CMAC
  - Invite community members/organizations to speak to students and faculty to let them know how to connect in the Chattanooga community
  - MCC to host networking events/mixers for employers, organizations and students to meet and network

### B. ACT Initiative in Hamilton County & Debate Competition

- Yancy Freeman announced that the Hamilton County Department of Education planned to move forward with the ACT/CAMP pilot program. The Howard

School, Tyner Academy and Brainerd High School will be participating in the to make this a year-long program.

- Stacy Lightfoot announced that Howard School, Tyner Academy and Brainerd High School will be participating in a Parliamentary Debate Competition on Saturday, April 22 at UTC. The organizers are still looking for judges. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be a judge for this event, please contact Ms. Lighfoot.

#### C. Mocs Love MLK and Faculty Reception

- Ann Yoachim, Director of Civic Engagement, reported that outreach materials will be developed this summer to publicize business and organizations on MLK for Fall 2017. Plans for at least one student and one faculty event on MLK are being made for Fall 2017. UTC is also working with River City Company to activate the building at 401 MLK. Art students will be assisting Rondell Crier, a local artist, in painting a mural on this building during Clean and Green on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### VI. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

- Lisa Brady and Patrick Miles mentioned “Our America: The Latino Presence in American Art” exhibit at the Hunter Museum on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional details are available on the Museum’s website.

In attendance:

**CMAC Members**

- Lisa Brady
- Bassam Issa
- Dionne Jennings
- Stacy Lightfoot
- Travis Lytle
- Patrick Miles
- Nathaniel Pinkard
- Manny Rico
- Reggie Ruff
- Kelsey Weaver
- Elenora Woods

**UTC Staff**

- Jerald Ainsworth
- Steve Angle
- Dee Dee Anderson
- Mo Baptiste
- Richard Brown
- Laura Cagle
- Terry Denniston
- Yancy Freeman
- Theresa Liedtka
- Tara Mathis
- Daniel Pack
- Bryan Rowland
- Valerie Rutledge
- Shawn Ryan
- Bryan Samuel
- Jill Woodruff
- Ann Yoachim

**Special Guest**

- Rob Liddell
- James Meyers
- Rachel Smith