CEDI Leadership Board Meeting Minutes
January 15th, 2020

Present: Rhemi Abrams-Fuller, Chris Dallager, Carolyn Fure-Slocum, Babi Lemos ‘21, Jen McMurray, Éva Pósfay, Steve Richardson, Laura Riehle-Merrill, Prathu Seneviratne, Jay Tasson, Miiko Taylor, Arianna Varela ‘21, Trey Williams, Brisa Zubia, Elise Eslinger (Advisor), Lena Stein ‘21 (Secretary)

I. Welcome, Introductions of New Members, Group Photo
● To begin this meeting, members re-introduced themselves, welcomed returning students to the board, and took a group photo for the newly updated CEDI website.

II. Acceptance of 11/14/19 Minutes
● The meeting minutes from November 14th, 2019 were approved.

III. Update on Low-Income, First-Generation (LIFG) Ideas
● In November, the LIFG subcommittee (Al Montero, Prathi Seneviratne, Miiko Taylor, Trey Williams, and Brisa Zubia) and then the CEDI co-chairs with Tuesday Group worked to track progress with the initiatives, and action items have been identified to increase support for low-income and first-generation students.
● They discussed tasks that have been completed since the 2016 Working Group on LIFG Students, such as establishing a Chromebook laptop loaner program, an emergency fund, DoS community conversations programs, computer labs in residence halls, free laundry services, and increased availability to print quotas if needed. Other initiatives included in this conversation were the CSA Textbook Library and the affordability of housing and food during the winter and spring breaks.
● Action items identified as needing further work generally include providing information about navigating campus as a low-income or first-generation student, and relevant resources and increasing financial literacy for all students. Specifically, this work will include TRIO collaborating with DoS regarding the publicity of their resource pages, CEDI action teams related to the promotion of prestigious opportunities to LIFG students, campus-wide financial literacy, and updates to the DoS website including a comprehensive list of steps that have been taken following the findings of the LIFG report.

IV. Suggestions for Action Teams, Leadership Board interest
● To continue the work of the LIFG subcommittee and work towards CEDI’s 2019-2020 charge to reconnect the campus community with the LIFG assessment and report, two CEDI action teams are being created to research and develop recommendations regarding (a) LIFG students’ access to prestigious opportunities and (b) financial literacy. These action teams, led by a sitting CEDI member and ideally composed of 5-6 community members, will create reports to share with the CEDI Leadership Board with the end goal of passing information and recommendations to Tuesday Group.
● The action team working on LIFG access to opportunities hopes to connect with the Career Center, various academic department chairs, the Fellowships office, and contacts...
from the first-generation directory, and gather information and support regarding OCS and summer research opportunities.

- The action team related to financial literacy hopes to connect with TRIO, Student Affairs, the Career Center, Alumni Affairs, and QuestBridge, and to look into ideas from Carleton students and peer institutions to both create a list of resources on financial literacy and look into different options for standing and sustainable financial literacy programming.

V. New CEDI Website and Diversity Activities Summary
- Elise Eslinger presented the new CEDI website, which has been shifted to WordPress and considerably revised by an external consultant. This page contains the newly updated diversity activities summary and reports on previous CEDI work. Elise asked for board members to review the diversity activities summary and will ask for feedback on this page at a future meeting.

VI. Periodic Reports from Liaisons/Representatives
- None at this time

VII. CSA Liaison Report
- Arianna Varela ‘21 discussed CSA’s current writing of a resolution urging the DoS to provide free menstrual products more widely across campus. This resolution has not yet been voted on because CSA hopes to have further dialogue with the GSC before sending it to the DoS, but this issue has been researched by a subcommittee and CSA hopes to pass the resolution soon.
- Arianna also discussed recent internal structure conversations being held by CSA. These potential modifications might change Arianna’s position and more widely would shift members with liaison positions to be part of a subcommittee that reports to the larger CSA body rather than sitting as senators.

VIII. What Else Has Happened Since We Last Met?
- Chris Dallager shared about Disability Services’ external review, which will take place on February 10 and 11 and give space for the representation of a variety of campus constituents’ voices. Relevant to conversations regarding LIFG support and access, Chris also highlighted the Disability Services office’s work in accessing a new assistive technology service which works on Chromebooks, “Read & Write.”

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.