

The University Diversity and Equity Committee

Date: June 16, 2026	Time: 2:30-3:30 pm
Location: MS Teams	Meeting Lead: Dr. Diane Purvey, Zahra Mohamud (on behalf of Dr. Asma Sayed)
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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**
 - Led by Zahra Mohamud
2. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Approved
3. **Approval of Minutes from May**
 - Approved
4. **Reports from UDEC Members**
 - a. **OEIC Portfolio Updates – Trina Prince**
 - KPU marked National AccessAbility Week with several campus activities including an accessibility themed art drop-in for students, a Disability Justice workshop led by Kathleen Yang, and other activities supported by the Centre for Educational Transformation and the Library. Two new resources were also released: [Accessible Meeting Guidelines](#) and a [Neurodivergent Self-Advocacy and Self-Care Resource](#).
 - KPU will participate in several Pride events across the Lower Mainland this summer:
 - Surrey Pride Festival – June 28
 - White Rock Pride Flag Raising Ceremony and Pride Ride – July 17
 - Richmond Citywide Pride Kickoff – July 26
 - Vancouver Pride Parade – August 2
 - Langley Pride Day – August 8
 - Jamey Jesperson will present “Remembering Indigenous Trans Womanhood in the Pacific Northwest from 1814 to 1895” on June 25. This guest lecture is organized by Maddie Knickerbocker as part of an LGBTQ+ History course and is funded through UDEC.
 - The Pride Peer program is now fully operational with six Pride Peer Leaders. The Pride Centre is open Monday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

- A Spring Sing Karaoke event at the end of May was well attended by students.

b. General Updates – Fiona Whittington-Walsh

- On May 13–14, Fiona hosted a two-day workshop with students, community experts, and instructors to document and articulate the Including All Citizens Pathway as a model for systems change focusing on student experiences and perspectives.
- In June, Fiona attended the Global Leadership Exchange in Ottawa, where she connected with disability leaders and organizations from across Canada and internationally, including representatives from New Zealand’s Ministry of Disability, who expressed interest in the Including All Citizens model.
- The Including All Citizens Pathway continues to grow, with 10 new students beginning this month. The program will have 37 students in Arts this fall, and two students convoked this year.
- Fiona and Dean Goundrey received funding to launch a two-year pilot of the Including All Citizens model in the Faculty of Design, building on successful student participation in Design courses.
- Fiona was also invited to serve as an external reviewer for Douglas College’s Disability and Community Studies Program.

c. Scarborough Charter Inter-Institutional Forum – Zahra Mohamud

- Zahra and Asma attended the [Scarborough Charter Forum](#) in Ottawa, May 14-15. KPU has been a signatory to the [Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education](#) since 2021.
- The forum brought together approximately 180 participants from 40 institutions to discuss progress and challenges in advancing the Charter’s recommendations.
- Key themes included moving beyond compliance toward meaningful institutional change and addressing barriers to Black representation in academic and leadership pathways.
- Opportunities identified for KPU include increasing awareness of the Charter, strengthening Black student engagement and leadership opportunities (including a proposed Black Student Ambassador role), and exploring dedicated supports, spaces, and resources for Black community members.

5. New Business

- None

6. Information Sharing and Updates

- This is our final meeting before the July–August summer break. UDEC will reconvene in the fall.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.