

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 26, 2016

To: Asian American Student Association
Black Student Union
Inter-Tribal Student Association
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/O de Aztlan
Pacific Islander Student Association
ASUU
Queer Students of Color
Voices of Diversity
Women of Tomorrow
At large (two representatives)

From: David Pershing, President 
Ruth Watkins, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs 
Kathryn Stockton, Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs 

Re: **Invitation to Serve - University of Utah Student Diversity Council**

We write to ask for your assistance in forming the inaugural Student Diversity Council for the University of Utah. At the Open Dialogue on Racial Climate, held on November 20, 2015, many students expressed requests for specific actions related to diversity. In addition, students conveyed concerns about racial microaggressions and campus climate. Several specific actions have occurred as a result of the campus dialogue, and efforts to strengthen the campus will continue now and for years to come. To ensure that progress continues and that the full community is more aware of efforts underway, the Student Diversity Council will be asked to join us in promoting effective communication between students and university leaders, assist in advancing diversity and excellence at the university, and provide a context where progress and ongoing concerns can be openly shared.

The Council will meet approximately three times per semester (roughly once each month during the academic year). We ask that you recommend two student representatives from your group who are willing and able to participate as members of the Student Diversity Council. (The term of service will run for one year, with the possibility of re-nomination by one's group for a second term.) We would like to convene the Student Diversity Council prior to the end of the academic year, and thus would appreciate your recommendations for council members by Monday, April 4 (please send names to Kathryn Stockton via Ian Anderson: ian.anderson@utah.edu).

We are grateful for your partnership in improving the University of Utah for students from all backgrounds. Thank you in advance for your assistance and participation in this vital effort.