Graduate Diversity Committee Newsletter – Fall 2014

As part of the Department of Psychology at The University of Texas at Austin, the Graduate Diversity Committee values the richness and open dialogue that diversity brings to our community. This committee meets monthly for discussions of relevant topics and activities planning over breakfast.

Some of the recent departmental activities hosted by the committee include:

- Talk and lunch with Dr. Keith Maddox from Tufts University – November 2013
  - Dr. Maddox is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Tufts
- Talk and lunch with Dr. Carl Hart from Columbia University – February 2014
  - Dr. Hart is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Columbia
- Established and awarded a Diversity Fellowship for a potential incoming psychology student to enhance minority recruitment.
- Took part during departmental recruiting activities. Members of the committee communicated the mission of the committee to prospective graduate students.
- Ally training with Shane Whalley from the Gender and Sexuality Center.
- Established a Diversity Reading room in the Psychology Department.
- Developed a departmental Graduate Student Diversity website and listserve.

The committee has also been involved in activities outside the department including:

- Workshop for graduate students by Tommy Darwin on career planning:
  - How to develop career values & how to plan your career future.
- Established working relationships with the McNair and the Intellectual Entrepreneurship programs.
- Sponsorship of the biennial National Multicultural Conference Summit – 2013 & 2015
- Informational session for undergraduate students interested in applying to psychology graduate programs.

All students & faculty from the Psychology Department are welcome to attend our meetings.

http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/psychology/graduate/diversity/Diversity-Resources.php