

Draft Agenda for ACS 528: Diversity in Agronomy, Crops, Soils and Environmental Sciences Committee Business Meeting

November 7, 2016

6 pm

Phoenix, AZ

- I. Call to Order – *Dr. Dedrick Davis called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.*

- II. Roll/Introduction of Members
 - a. Dedrick Davis
 - b. Terrence Gardner
 - c. Candiss Williams
 - d. Eton Codling
 - e. Ramble Ankumah
 - f. Dexter Watts
 - g. Ann Marie Thro
 - h. Trinity Johnson

- f. Approval/Adoption of the Agenda – *Dr. Davis solicited a motion for approval and adoption of the agenda. A motion was made by Dr. Candiss Williams to adopt the agenda and the motion was approved by members in attendance.*

- g. Old Business
 - a. Gateway Scholars
 - i. Volunteers - *Dr. Ramble Ankumah and Dr. Eton Codling agreed to serve as tour guides for the Gateway Scholars Program on November 8, 2016.*
 - ii. Program layout
 - 1. School – *Dr. Davis and Dr. Terrence Gardner discussed the school and high school students who would be attending the Gateway Scholars Program.*
 - 2. Speaker – *Dr. Dedrick Davis informed members in attendance that Shalamar Armstrong agreed to serve as the speaker for the motivational component of the Gateway Scholars program.*
 - 3. Morning session and activities - *Dr. Davis informed member in attendance of the flow of activities of the Gateway Scholars Program during the morning hours.*
 - 4. Afternoon session and activities - *Dr. Davis informed member in attendance of the flow of activities of the Gateway Scholars Program during the afternoon hours.*

 - b. Student Poster Competition

i. *Volunteers – Dr. Davis solicited volunteers to serve as the third judge for the student poster competition. Dr. Candiss Williams agreed to serve as the third judge.*

1. *# of participants - Members were informed of the number of poster competition contestants, the schools and programs represented, and the topics covered.*

2. *Abstracts, score sheets - Dr. Davis and Candiss Williams provided the abstracts and score sheets to the judges 24 hours before the student poster competition.*

ii. *Certificates and prizes - Dr. Davis discussed the prizes for the graduate student poster competition and the need for the awards to be mailed to the students in an efficient manner.*

h. **New Business**

a. *ACS Diversity Committee Meetings for 2018 – Dr. Davis and Terrence Gardner discussed the need to start planning for the 2018 Annual Meetings. Specifically, ideas were presented regarding the Gateway Scholars Program and at which meeting the program should be conducted since the societies will have separate meetings.*

i. *Nov. 4 -7, 2018 (ASA & CSSA)*

ii. *Jan. 6 – 9, 2019 (SSSA)*

b. *Selection of President Elect for 2017*

i. *Dr. Candiss O. William (USDA NRCS National Soil Survey Center) was elected as the President Elect for 2017*

ii. *No member was nominated to serve as a secretary for 2017. Therefore Dr. Dedrick Davis (Alabama A&M University) volunteered to serve as secretary.*

c. **Transfer of Chair from Davis to Gardner**

i. **Announcements**

j. *Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.*