Email being sent on behalf of President Miaoulis, Aug. 29, 2019

The Leading for Change Higher Education Diversity Consortium

I am writing to invite you to serve as a member of the Leading for Change Higher Education Diversity Consortium Team for the  upcoming Academic year. As many of you already know, the Leading for Change Higher Education Diversity Consortium is comprised of 24 institutions, housed at Bridgewater State University and we are currently the only member institution from Rhode Island. The group is focused on hopeful and data driven practices to close opportunity and achievement gaps. The work of the group involves monthly meetings focused on agendas set by the consortium team, as well as attendance at three summits at member institutions and their partners.  We are pleased to be hosting the March Summit at RWU on March 9th.

As the group found their feet last year, they decided that they would focus on Student access, success and equity metrics and would serve as a resource to other bodies on campus. Additionally, the group identified several research questions that they wanted to take on, including the impact of various high impact practices and support services on student success.

Last year, our team presented on our emerging equity scorecard at the march summit and invested time reviewing disaggregated data. That work will be extended this year and the team will submit three emerging practices, including the equity scorecard,  for publication by the consortium

We hope you will commit to being a part of the consortium team and working with your colleagues to identify, understand and recommend strategies to close opportunity gaps.  I look forward to hearing progress on your efforts and have scheduled meetings with you on January 28, 2020 at 1pm and May 21st,  2020 at 10:00am to do so.  Please confirm your attendance by responding to Ame Lambert at [aolambert@rwu.edu](mailto:aolambert@rwu.edu) by 5pm on Friday

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ame.

Sincerely,

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