

MEMORANDUM

June 1, 2014

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Lori Mould, President

SUBJECT: Appointment of Jeany Melendez Santiago as Director of Equity & Inclusion

Action Requested

The proposed resolution appoints Jeany Melendez Santiago as Director of Equity & Inclusion.

Resolution

I recommend that the Executive Committee adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that Jeany Melendez Santiago be, and hereby is appointed Director of Equity & Inclusion; effective immediately. This appointment shall continue from the date of appointment until May 31, 2015.

Background

Appointed by the Executive Committee, the Director of Communications will report to the Senior Director of University-Wide Success.

The President's Director of Equity & Inclusion will be an advisor to the Executive Board, the Executive Committee, and the Student Assembly on matters related to equity and inclusion.

The Director of Equity & Inclusion will be responsible to:

- Serve as a representative of SUNY student equality and inclusion concerns and initiatives to the SUNY Student Assembly, the SUNY system, and the State of New York.
- Work on issues pertaining to the proper maintenance of diversity and pluralism in SUNY.

- Initiate and coordinate the dissemination of information on diversity through executive committee members and workshops at meetings of the Student Assembly.
- Coordinate all Student Assembly efforts and initiatives that promote awareness of equality & inclusion and assist any student governments that request assistance with their own campus efforts.
- Make recommendations on policies of the Student Assembly regarding diversity.
- Assist the Senior Director of University-Wide Student Success as directed.
- Assist the President as directed.

Ms. Melendez Santiago has served as the Public Relations Chair at Jamestown Community College (JCC) representing the student bodies of the Jamestown and North County Extension. She also served as an advisor to clubs and organizations on campus and in the Jamestown community in areas pertaining to advertisement, volunteer efforts, and others. She has also served as a Student Ambassador, Student blogger, participant of the SUNY Model European Union Simulation, Peer Mentor, President of the club Diverse Cultures United, and the student assistant for the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator of JCC. These roles offered her insight into issues experienced by the student body.

Ms. Melendez Santiago recently graduated from JCC with her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts: Social Sciences with a concentration in Political Science. She will be attending SUNY Fredonia in the fall of 2014 as she is planning to work on attaining her two Bachelor's Degrees in Political Science and International Relations with a minor in Leadership Studies. However, prior her attendance to SUNY Fredonia in the fall, she will be attending the SUNY Buffalo Law School/LSAC DiscoverLaw.org Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars Program this summer, as well as continue her role at JCC as the student assistant for the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator of JCC. She is bilingual which has helped her serve underrepresented demographics.

Her resume is attached.