

Division of Medical Sciences Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee - Terms of Reference

Mandate

The Committee is advisory in nature and it shall work to promote:

- Equity, diversity, and inclusion within the Division of Medical Sciences.
- Development of a safe, hospitable and equitable working environment, as well as a climate of inclusiveness, respect and congeniality.

Activities

- Advise the Head of problems and issues relating to the Committee's mandate, which may arise in the DMS.
- Recommend appropriate training relating to issues, policies and practices regarding equity, diversity, inclusion and the maintenance of a safe, respectful and appreciative working environment.
- Recommend appropriate policies or practices.
- Assist with preparation of the Division's annual EDI report.
- Engage in other activities, which promote the above terms of reference.
- Liaise with broader UVic-wide counterpart committees.

Meetings

- Meetings will be held a minimum of three times (once per semester) per year.
- Minutes will be recorded, written and circulated by the DMSC Administrative Assistant.

Committee Membership

Membership should include at least one representative from:

- DMS Primary research faculty
- DMS Primary teaching faculty
- Research trainees
- Staff

The committee will welcome all those DMS members who are interested in participating.

Membership details and expectations

- Normally serving for at least a two-year term, currently members are self-nominated. The committee calls for nomination every two years.
- The goal is to have at least two representatives from each group with a maximum number of 12 member.

- Members shall seek and represent the perspective of their employee group as well as their own personal perspective.
- Action items are distributed evenly amongst members.

DMS EDI Committee Members as of June 3 2020

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Jane Gair
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