Chemistry Diversity Committee

The UW Department of Chemistry Diversity and Equity Steering Committee is responsible for developing practices and policies that build and maintain an inclusive environment where differences of opinion, beliefs, and values are sought, listened to, respected, and valued.

2020-2021 Members

- Membership for the new academic year will be announced at the start of Autumn Quarter

2019-2020 Members

- Brandi Cossairt, chair
- Matt Bush
- Tam’ra Kay Francis
- Munira Khalil
- Anne McCoy
- Gabriele Varani
- Alexandra Velian
- Jesse Zalatan

Ongoing Projects

- Quarterly “Lunch and Learn” workshops open to all students, staff, and faculty to discuss issues related to departmental climate and topics relevant to equity and inclusion initiatives
- Revising grad student exam structure to create a more equitable experience
- Reviewing current hiring and recruitment efforts at the faculty, postdoc, and student levels and recommending best practices
- Organizing a team to attend the SACNAS and NOBCChE meetings
- ACS Bridge Partner application (submitted June 1, 2020)
- UW Diversity and Inclusion SEED grant (submitted June 12, 2020)
- Improving our web presence on the topic of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives (website, twitter)

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2020

November 18, 2020

October 28, 2020

June 11, 2020