1. **Inaugural CSU-One Columbus Diversity Conference** (March 22-23, 2012)

This conference is the culmination of a series of dialogues on diversity issues that CSU and One Columbus have conducted in the community in the past ten years. It is a demonstration of CSU’s effort to respond to the recommendations that were made at the Diversity Summits organized by the Board of Regents in 2010, and 2011.

The Conference will start with a keynote address on the evening of Thursday, March 22 and continue the following morning, Friday March 23. The keynote theme is “The Challenge of Diversity in Community Development”, and will be delivered by Professor Thee Smith of Emory University, Atlanta.

Principally our goal is to bring together students, faculty, staff and people from within and around Columbus covering all segments of the community, to a thought-provoking keynote followed by a first rate training session on Diversity. This will be augmented by a research paper delivered by CSU Professor of Anthropology, Dr. John Studstill, which will treat both descriptive and theoretical aspects of diversity in Georgia.

**Recommendation:** Faculty Senate consider sponsoring members of the faculty to participate in this inaugural conference.

2. **Office of Diversity Programs and Services: Updates**

- **Soul of CSU**
  Thursday, February 8, 2012 at 7pm
  Davidson Auditorium

  - This is an event featuring renowned spoken word artist Jasmine Mans. We will also recognize local talent within our community as we focus and celebrate Black History Month.

- **Film: Higher Learning**
  Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7pm
  Student Recreation Center Multipurpose Room

  - This film addresses relevant and current matters faced by the diverse populations on college campuses. Issues brought to life in the production are examined
through personal, political, sexual preference, and racial dilemmas facing a group of freshmen as they begin their college career.

- **2012 Legacy Celebration Banquet**
  
  Friday, March 30, 2012
  
  Reception 6:30pm
  
  Dinner 7pm
  
  Cunningham Conference Center
  
  Keynote: Maria Echaveste: Former Deputy Chief of Staff during the Clinton administration
  
  -This is an evening to celebrate cultural diversity at its best, thus creating a cultural space of inclusion for our entire minority demographics represented at this institution. This event celebrates the legacies of our CSU students, noting that their devotion and honorable service is a true testament of their commitment to Columbus State University.

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**Safe Zone Training**

  Tuesday, April 16, 2012
  
  Session #1: 10am
  
  Session#2: 1:30pm
  
  Schuster Room 101
  
  -This Safe Zone initiative works to ensure an atmosphere that is supportive, informative, and welcoming to all members of our campus community. This training provides an accepting and pro-active environment for all faculty, staff, and students at CSU and their allies. The mission is to reduce and eliminate occurrences of bullying among faculty, staff, and students. We are dedicated to improving quality of life, sense of community, and a safe environment on our campus, in our classrooms, housing, and all buildings.