The Mosaic Project supports the University's ongoing commitment to strengthen diversity, foster inclusion, and promote social justice in all aspects of the student experience. Our students and our community represent the intersection of different races, ages, ethnicities, religions, sexes, sexual orientations, socioeconomic statuses, national origins, tribal and indigenous populations, gender identities and expressions, and ability statuses. Our differences should not only be accepted and celebrated but fully woven into the fabric of the University. The Mosaic Project seeks to facilitate dialogue, support the ongoing work of existing campus diversity efforts, and develop new initiatives to cultivate a community that furthers our goal of making all Washington University members feel welcome and supported.

Center for Diversity & Inclusion Update

In recent history, there has been much discussion about the creation of a Center for Diversity and Inclusion that would serve the Washington University community. During the summer of 2013, a task force was formed to explore the development of this new Center; Seiko Shasti, Class of 2015 and Rob Wild, Associate Vice-Chancellor, were appointed as co-chairs. The charge of the Task Force is to lead a public, transparent discussion with key stakeholders regarding the creation of a new Center. Specifically this conversation is focused on the mission of the Center and the communities it will serve, as well as determining the type of facility that will most effectively serve the broad interests of our campus community.

At this point in our conversation, several themes have emerged. We have compiled a mid-semester report to summarize feedback that we have heard thus far. This conversation is not over though. We are interested in hearing whether the themes detailed in this report resonate with the community as a whole. We will frame our next Town Hall discussion, taking place on October 24 from 8-9pm in Seigle L006, around this document. If you are not able to attend the Town Hall, but would still like to give feedback, please email Rob Wild at rob.wild@wustl.edu.

Community Values & Expectations Update

The Community Values and Expectations working group has been busy reaching out to key stakeholders on campus. Working group members are speaking with representatives from each of the four undergraduate schools, cultural groups, Greek organizations, Residential College Directors, Student Services Directors, and Faculty Fellows.

Some of the questions they have been grappling with include: "What are your values when you are at your best?", "What are our community values currently?", and "How can we live up to the ideal..."
values and weave them into the fabric of our university culture?" If you would like someone from this committee to speak with your department or organization, please contact Alyssa Kaitz at aekaitz@wustl.edu.

Announcing New Co-Chair

We are pleased to announce that Robert Brown, the Residential College Director of William Greenleaf Elliot Residential College (WGE), will be joining the Mosaic Project leadership team as staff co-chair. Robert was selected based on his commitment to diversity and social justice education, the strong relationships he has formed with colleagues and students, and his leadership within Residential Life and the campus as a whole.

Since joining Washington University in 2011, Robert has been involved with the Campus Diversity Collaborative, Global Diversity Overseas Seminar Program, Diversity and Inclusion Forum for Faculty and Staff, and advises the Diversity Affairs Council. In addition to his campus engagement, Robert brings professional development experiences with the Social Justice Training Institute, Commission for Social Justice Educators, and Commission for Global Dimensions of Student Development through the American College Personnel Association.

Mosaic Project Ambassador Program

Are you interested in getting more involved with the Mosaic Project? Mosaic Project Ambassadors (MPA) are undergraduate student representatives who will actively shape the work of the Mosaic Project. MPAs will:

1. Serve as a sounding board for new initiatives,
2. Provide feedback on behalf of the larger student body about how to encourage an inclusive culture on campus,
3. Engage in outreach to help educate other students about Mosaic Project efforts.

MPAs will be required to attend monthly meetings. If you're interested in getting involved, contact Jessica Wilen at jwilen@wustl.edu.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 24, 8-9pm in Seigle L006; Town Hall on the Center for Diversity and Inclusion
October 21-25, 11-1pm, DUC North Entrance, dearWUrld photo campaign
October 29, 5-6:30 in DUC 276; the Black/Brown Experience: Understanding African-Americans and Latinos through History, Law, and Public Health
November 14-20; Trans* Awareness Week: Schedule of Events

If you would like to advertise a diversity related event here, please contact Jessica Wilen at jwilen@wustl.edu.