

Agenda Brief: Diversity Catalyst Committee

Date: March 4, 2019

Presenter: Ali Fares (Chair)

1. **Committee Membership** (as of March 3, 2019): See [ESCOP Diversity Catalyst Committee \(DCC\)](#)
2. **Meetings:**
 - a. The DCC met by teleconference on January 22, 2019.
3. **Accomplishments/Upcoming Plans:**
 - a. The DCC has undergone leadership evolution. Ali Fares has taken the place of Karen Plaut as chair and Rick Rhodes has stepped into Jeff Jacobsen's shoes as the ED serving as Executive Vice Chair.
 - b. The request for nominations for the National Diversity and Inclusion Award has been widely circulated to the ESS.
 - c. The DCC is seeking opportunities to provide on-going training for the directors. Training topics might include: Diversity as a Catalyst for Faculty Recruiting and Retention; Dominant Cultures; and the WAMS Program (Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields).
 - d. DCC chair Ali Fares nominated Jeff Jacobsen for a NIFA Partnership Award; the nomination recognizes Jeff's seminal role in the establishment of the DCC.
4. **Action Requested:** For information only.
5. **Attachments:**
 - a. None

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