



## DIVERSITY COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Open call for nomination to the Western Connecticut State University (“WCSU” or “University”) Diversity Council (“the Council”) is an exemplary opportunity to have a direct influence on the diversity and inclusion initiatives set forth and carried out to the university community. All WCSU students, faculty and staff are welcome to nominate themselves and/or a student and/or colleague, with their approval. Although there are several types of membership on the Council, we are currently seeking nominations only for *student representatives*. *The deadline to submit the nomination form is scheduled for October 1, 2021.*

Those who have submitted notice(s) of interests and/or email will receive a copy of the nomination form with additional guidance on next steps.

As these are positions appointed by the President, final candidates will be forwarded to the Office of the President for approval to ensure equal representation from each University School as well as the designated offices. The purpose of the call for nominations is to recognize and seek interested nominees for the elected leadership of the Diversity Council.

The Diversity Council is now made up of a 16-member committee of affiliated members of the university community.

### General Nomination Criteria:

- All candidates must have a positive attitude toward and commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- Willing to serve the full three-year term indicated for their position.
- Maintain regular attendance at Council meetings.
- Serve as productive contributors to the shared responsibilities associated with the Diversity and Inclusion Strategic (Action) Plan.

Available appointments are:

- **Faculty Member(s):** Two (2) members per university school who holds a faculty position.
- **Members at Large:** Six (6) individuals, faculty and/or staff with a general interest in diversity and inclusion.
- **Standing (Non-member) Appointments:** As a Council appointed by the President, standing appointments include representatives from Enrollment Services, Human Resources, Institutional Research, Pre-Collegiate and Access Programs and Student Affairs/Student Government Association.
- **Student Member(s):** Students with academic standing(s) in their first, second and third year are welcome to submit a nomination and have the opportunity to serve on the Diversity Council. Upon entering their first year, students are asked to nominate a peer for a two-



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year term. During the first year, second-year, or third-year, students will only serve for a one-year term. Students members will be self-nominated and/or nominated by their peers.

All members of the WCSU community interested in becoming a part of the Diversity Council are encouraged to submit their nomination by completing the attached Diversity Council Nomination Form. *Please be sure to clearly describe in the nomination form how your service will impact change in the WCSU community.*

Thank you for helping us to identify candidates who can provide leadership excellence for the Diversity Council. If there are any questions? Please contact Ms. Jesenia Minier, Chief Diversity Officer with the Office of Diversity and Equity at [minierj@wcsu.edu](mailto:minierj@wcsu.edu).



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*WCSU Diversity Council is the central component of the university's structure to address diversity and inclusion. The Council is comprised of university members representing various areas of the campuses.*

**Official Deadline is set for October 1, 2021**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation** ☐ faculty ☐ staff ☐ **student** ☐ external **Title (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

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### \*Membership Type

- ☐ **Faculty Member:** Two member(s) per university school who holds a faculty position to serve a three-year term.
- ☐ **Members-at-Large:** Four individuals, faculty and/or staff with a general interest in diversity and inclusion to serve in three-year alternating terms
- ☐ **Standing Appointment:** One member per office or department for an undetermined term. Please indicate which office or department you will be representing:
  - ☐ Enrollment Services
  - ☐ Human Resources
  - ☐ Institutional Research
  - ☐ Pre-Collegiate and Access Programs
  - ☐ Student Affairs
- ☐ **Student:** Four students representing an academic status of freshman, sophomore, or junior with general interests in diversity, equity and inclusion to serve a one-year term.



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Please list any University councils, organizations, clubs or groups which you are a member or have been active previously.

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Please describe your interests in serving on the Diversity Council and how you are able to serve as a campus *change agent*?

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Please describe your level of diversity and inclusion experience(s) that would serve in part of your change agent status on the Diversity Council?

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Please direct any relevant questions regarding Diversity Council membership and responsibilities to Ms. Jesenia Minier, Chief Diversity Officer at [minierj@wcsu.edu](mailto:minierj@wcsu.edu).