

UW System: Announces members for new advisory Diversity Council

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University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross announces the new **UW System Diversity Council**, which is an advisory body to the President on critical issues of diversity and inclusion affecting educational achievement, workforce development, and the future of Wisconsin's economy. The Council includes business and community leaders from across the state.

"The Council's connections to our communities will be key in helping our state prepare for an increasingly global world that values diversity and inclusion in the workplace. I look forward to working with the Council to better connect the UW System with communities statewide," says UW System President Ray Cross.

On May 10, President Cross convened the inaugural meeting of his Diversity Council in Madison, where he thanked members for their participation and service on the advisory group. Three important themes emerged during the conversation: education, employment, and health. President Cross and the Council agreed that the next step is to develop a plan with specific ideas and action items based upon input from the Council members.

Member	Company	Title	Community
Cecil Adams	African American Mutual Assistance Network, Inc.	CEO and Founder	La Crosse

Craig Anderson	American Indian Chamber of Commerce of WI	President	Milwaukee
Shenita Brokenburr	UW System	Senior Associate Vice President	Madison
Jessica Cavazos	Latino Chamber of Commerce of Dane County	Executive Director	Fitchburg
Rep. Jason Fields	Wisconsin State Assembly	State Representative, 11 th District	Milwaukee
Carl Hampton	UW System	Special Assistant – Diversity & Inclusion	Madison
Corey Hoskins	UW-Parkside Student Government	Vice President	Kenosha
Jaimes Johnson	UW Credit Union	Director of Community Partnerships	Madison
Timothy Mahone	Mahone Strategies	President	Kenosha
Reggie Newson	Ascension Health	Vice President & Chief Advocacy Officer	Glendale
Rev. Tony Patterson	Marathon County Diversity Affairs Commission	Chair	Wausau
Paula Penebaker	YWCA Southeast Wisconsin	President and CEO	Milwaukee
Asifa Quraishi-Landes	University of Wisconsin Law School	Associate Professor	Madison
Gerard Randall	Milwaukee Education Partnership	Executive Director	Milwaukee
Toni Rivera-Joachin	Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc.	President and CEO	Milwaukee
Sabrina Robins	TAPFIN, a ManpowerGroup Company	Director-Operations	Appleton
Rep. Jessie Rodriguez	Wisconsin State Assembly	Majority Caucus Secretary	Franklin
Dennis Shields	UW-Platteville	Chancellor	Platteville
John Sims	U.S. Bank	Private Banking Relationship Manager	Madison
May yer Thao	Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce	Executive Director	Milwaukee
Manny Vasquez	Pfefferle Companies, Inc.	Vice President	Appleton
Bee Yang	Hmong American Partnership Fox Valley, Inc.	Executive Director	Neenah