

University of North Alabama
Multicultural Advisory Committee

Formal Minutes Summary of E-Business Activities (March 9–20, 2026)

These items were initially discussed during the March 5, 2026, Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting and were designated for follow-up through e-business. The summary below reflects the outcomes of those follow-up activities.

1. UNA Unity Award – Discussion and Vote to Transition Award Process

Discussion (March 9–12, 2026): Following the March 9 committee meeting, members revisited the committee’s charge regarding the UNA Unity Award. M. Looser clarified that, since the award originates from the President’s Office, the committee’s role was not to revise the description itself but to determine an appropriate nomination pathway. Committee members provided valuable feedback on the award language and description, which was forwarded to Dr. Ellis for transmission to the President’s Office. At present, all awards presented at the Spring Awards Gala are administered by the Office of Student Engagement. Transitioning the UNA Unity Award to that office would align processes and ensure consistency with other university awards. Members shared feedback via Qualtrics to determine whether the award nomination and selection process should be transitioned.

Vote Results

- Date: March 9–12, 2026
- Method: Qualtrics survey
 - Total responses: 12
 - 10 – In favor
 - 1 – Opposed
 - 1 – Abstained

Outcome: The committee will proceed with transitioning the UNA Unity Award to the Office of Student Engagement.

2. Future Status of the Multicultural Advisory Committee – Discussion and Vote on Suspension

Discussion (March 18–20, 2026): After completing major assigned tasks, including establishing new processes for the UNA Unity Award and the Major Dewayne Williams Scholarship, the committee revisited its ongoing charge. The Chair consulted SGEC Chair Dr. Lauren Killen, who confirmed that no additional tasks or responsibilities remained at the university governance level that would fall under the charge of this committee. One suggestion from the SGEC was to recommend suspension of the MAC at

this time. “Suspension” was defined as placing the committee on inactive status, allowing it to be reactivated if future needs warranted its return. Members shared their feedback through an anonymous Qualtrics vote.

Vote Results

- Date: March 18–20, 2026
- Method: Qualtrics survey
- Total responses: 11
 - 6 – In favor
 - 3 – Opposed
 - 1 – Abstained

Outcome: The committee will recommend suspension to the SGEC.

The Chair will forward recommendations to appropriate university offices.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Multicultural Advisory Committee, Chair

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