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Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Open House Kickoff
Dr. John M. Dunn
March 21, 2017

- Good morning. This is a great day to be a Bronco and a great day to celebrate our campus commitment to diversity and inclusion. In 2006, we followed up on a long history of attention to diversity by adopting our Diversity and Multicultural Action Plan. Since 2007, Dr. Martha Warfield has guided the campus adoption of that important document--a formal expression of our values and commitment.
- This facility is a natural outgrowth of that long commitment. Dr. Warfield addressed the Board of Trustees last week, and she noted that it's easy to explain what the Office of Diversity and Inclusion does. The "why" is what is really special about this office, and Dr. Warfield answered the "why" part of the equation by asking students to step up and let our trustees know what how these diversity resources have helped them accomplish their goals
- Each of you--members of the WMU community--are the "why" behind what we do. And today's about reminding us all of what these resources are:
 - Our Space, a student-centered, inclusive and equal access resource room and lounge,
 - The Diversity Resource Collection of books, CDs, DVDs and games centered on topics related to identity, and
 - The Reflection Room, a quiet room available as private space for lactation and for meditation, prayer or reflection

I know ODI staff want you to take your time and explore. I also know they have some activities, presentations, giveaways and refreshments for you to enjoy while they showcase ODI programs. So enjoy yourselves and check things out here, And remembers, it's a great day to be a Bronco.