USC Retreat Topic: Learning about Systemic Racism

Focus was on collecting background info to inform how system might address systemic racism

Invitees included:

A. Student reps (Trustees)
B. National Scholars on Race in Education and the Criminal Law
C. Chiefs/captains of police for all campuses
D. Head of Police Training Institute
Student Views

• Great interest in police reform
• Diverse experiences of policing
• Concerns with over-policing and surveillance
• Don’t always distinguish campus v. municipal police
• Culture, climate, and support
Scholarly Views on History and Criminal Law

Ekow Yankah - Professor of Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York

• Origins of policing
• Qualified immunity
• Mass incarceration
Scholarly Views on Higher Education

James Anderson – Dean, UIUC College of Education

• Historical challenge
• Outreach
• Retention
• Culture and climate
Campus Police Views

- Need for paradigm shift
- Police education and training for the 21st century
- Working in 3 different ecosystems:
  - Rural
  - Urban
  - State Capital
- Unique opportunity to become a national leader in campus police training
Some Take Away Points

• Difficulty/depth of problems
• Obligations of higher education
• Special opportunities/capacities at the University of Illinois System
• Need for concerted efforts/commitments
THANK YOU!  QUESTIONS?