

Diversity In Action Group
Meeting Notes
November 18, 2014

Members Present: Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto, Fi Tovo, Makiko Ueda, Oliver Li, Henry Villareal
Guests: Theresa Martin, Tabitha Conway

Review of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the DIAG Meeting Notes of October 14, 2014

Meeting notes approved as presented.

Welcome to New DIAG Member

Fi Tovo was welcomed as a Classified Staff member appointed to DIAG.

Diversity Planning Committee Update

Sylvia noted that for the current year \$2800 has been expended from the DIAG programming budget. The balance currently stands at \$1,200. The Diversity Planning Committee (DPC) is meeting immediately following today's DIAG meeting. At this afternoon's meeting, Sylvia will present the survey results of the Latino-Filipino Connection musical event that was coordinated by Lisa Melnick. She also noted that Rudy Ramirez' World Beat Groove concert event as a tremendous success.

Reorganization of the Institutional Committees Webpage

Henry explained that the Institutional Committees Webpage has been redesigned and includes a diagram of the college's committee structure. Henry provided a copy of the diagram. Henry also noted that the DIAG webpage has not changed and continues to include prior meeting agenda and meeting notes. The webpage is presently up to date.

Update on request for DIAG Funding

Henry reiterated that DIAG has a relatively limited annual budget of \$4,000 and there is a need to seek additional funding. With much of this year's funding already expended and with several major upcoming spring events such as Black History Month and Asian/Pacific Islander Month, there was consensus that additional funding is needed. In addition, Henry noted that DIAG should consider sponsoring a Cesar Chavez Day celebration in honor of the Civil Rights Leader. Henry further noted that there has been some discussion amongst an ad hoc academic calendar committee about having a district holiday in honor of Cesar Chavez' birthday. This holiday may become a reality sometime in the next few years. Henry noted that he had not yet followed up with an additional funding request to President's Cabinet but will do so very soon.

Draft of DIAG Goals and Objectives

Henry noted that a draft of the 2013-2015 Goals and Objectives is still pending.

Next Meeting: December 16, 2014 Location: 10-390

Summary Notes prepared by Henry Villareal, Committee Chair