

Diversity In Action Group
Meeting Notes
May 12, 2015

Members Present: Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto, Theresa Martin, Co-Chair, Fi Tovo, Henry Villareal, Co-Chair

Guests: Patricia Brown, Tabitha Conaway, Krystal Romero, Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza

Review of the Agenda

Approved as presented.

Approval of the DIAG Meeting Notes of April 14, 2015

Meeting notes approved as presented.

Diversity Planning Committee (DPC) Update

Sylvia explained that \$1,530 remains in the current year's budget and which can carry over into the next fiscal year but do need to be expended by December 31, 2015. She also explained that funding for Dr. Eddie Moore whose presentation on the N-Word was postponed was still considered approved as he is scheduled to speak in November. Further, Sylvia emphasized that DIAG funds should only be used as a last resort for providing food at approved events.

2015-16 DIAG Planning

Several events are already planned for next year and include Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farmworkers Union and East Bay Assemblyman Rob Bonta. As well a return visit by Dr. Ronni Sanlo who had produced a film titled "Letter to Anita" is scheduled for October. The group brainstormed additional ideas for events and included topics around gender stereotypes that might include films like "The Mask You Live In" (male stereotypes) and "Miss Representation" (female stereotypes). It was also noted that Jennifer Seibel Newsom has been actively involved in eliminating female stereotypes and should be considered as a potential speaker on this topic. It was also noted that the National Equity Project sponsors diversity related workshops and that DIAG should consider such events for next year. Henry reminded the group that each event requires a primary coordinator so someone has to be willing to take the lead for each event.

DIAG /Student Equity Summer Plans

Henry noted that he and Theresa Martin, the recently appointed DIAG Co-Chair will commence rewriting the Student Equity Plan, review and develop DIAG goals and objectives for 2015-2017 and consider restructuring the DIAG website.

Respect and Acceptance Campaign

A meeting will be planned over the summer to meet with Cabinet to present the campaign. Henry hopes to have several members of DIAG join him at the meeting.

AANAPISI/HSI Grant Update

Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza outlined that the AANIPISI grant proposal was to be submitted by the due date of May 19th. An external grant writer has been contracted to write the grant. The grant provides 300k per year for five years. The College should hear in August if the grant is awarded

to CSM. Jenn also mentioned that a TRIO grant was submitted back in March and the August timeframe is also when the College will be notified of this award. Due, in part, to the submission date for the Hispanic Serving Institution grant which coincided with the due date for the AANAPISI grant, it was determined by Cabinet to wait until 2016 to submit a proposal.

MANA Program Update

Fi Tovo provided a brief update that included on-going plans for the Fall implementation of the MANA Learning Community. Program courses that will comprise the learning community have been identified and currently includes an ethnic studies course focusing on the Pacific Islander experience to be taught by David Palaita, a communications course to be taught by Kate Motoyama, and an academic success course provided through the Counseling Center. Fi noted that student recruitment for the program is underway. Lastly, a MANA website is being developed.

Summary Notes prepared by Henry Villareal, DIAG Co-Chair