**Diversity in Action Group – Institutional Planning Committee**

**Meeting Notes**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

Members in attendance: Henry Villareal (chair), Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto, Fauzi Hamadeh, Alexander

Quintana, John Vehikite

**Review of the Agenda**

Sylvia requested that an update on the DIAG Planning Committee budget be added to the agenda. The group agreed to this addition.

**Review of Minutes**

No minutes were available to review.

**Math Boost Program**

Henry recommended an objective relating to the Math Boost Program be added to the DIAG Institutional Plan under Goal #2, which deals with student success based on demographics. The Math Boost Program was initially piloted by Football Coach Brett Pollack with college athletes. Funding for this pilot program was provided by the Basic Skills Initiative. A second Math Boost Program was initiated in fall 2011 with support provided by Measure G funds. The programs were deemed successful because almost all of the participants enrolled in math courses the following semester. Coach Pollack’s initial groups scored so high that they met the math requirement for the AA/AS degree.

DIAG was in agreement to add an item regarding the Math Boost Program to the DIAG Institutional Plan. There group also expressed a desire to see a continued commitment from the college once Measure G funding ends.

**Distance Education**

The Distance Education Committee has asked for input regarding a survey that will be sent to students in distance education courses. A similar was done in the mid-90s, but given the changes in methods of delivery and new technology, a new survey is being proposed. This survey would go out to current distance education students as well as students enrolled in distance education classes over the past two years. The Distance Education Committee has already identified the length of the first survey as a concern. The group has also identified minority students as a disproportionate amount of the students of withdraw from distance education courses.

Henry requested that any suggestions for questions be sent to him for forwarding to the Distance Education Committee. Henry will try to secure a draft of the survey and send it to DIAG for feedback. In addition, Henry pointed out that now two institutional planning committees – Enrollment Management and Distance Education – have reached out to DIAG for input, which reinforces the importance of DIAG as an institutional planning group and the importance of looking at student success.

**DIAG Survey**

John reported that the DIAG Survey is now available online and linked from the DIAG page of the PRIE Web site. This will hopefully make for easier distribution of the survey by printing the Web address on postcards that can be distributed at DIAG events. It would also make the survey accessible via Google searches, QR codes, and URL shortening services.

**College Index**

Henry reported that the Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) had requested the Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE) develop a College Index that looks at various aspects of the college “profile,” including student success. The baseline was established last year. Some indices have already started showing slight increases over last year. There have also been indications of disparities between various groups. Some of the data in the College Index mirrors what was in the Student Equity Plan. This is an opportunity for DIAG to help identify institutional priorities that need support. For instance, the Enrollment Management Committee is already exploring the possibility reestablishing the Puente Program.

**DIAG Planning Committee Budget Update**

Sylvia reported that at the end of fall 2010, the DIAG Planning Committee had $2,707.00 remaining in its budget. So far for the spring semester, requests are totaling $1,707.00. There is one pending event on May 4 that could push that total up to $2,293.00. The Planning Committee’s next meeting is Tuesday, February 22.

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

Next DIAG IPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 12 pm. Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh