Diversity In Action Group - Institutional Planning Committee

Meeting Notes

March 15, 2011

Members in Attendance: Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto, Fauzi Hamadeh, John Vehikite,

Alex Quintana

Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed and no additional items were added.

Approval of February 15 Meeting Notes

Minutes approved with no changes.

Distance Education Survey

Henry shared that a Distance Education Subcommittee that is drafting survey for students who withdraw from online classes is seeking DIAG’s input as demographic information such as ethnicity will be included as part of the survey. After a review of the draft document, committee members suggested some minor modifications to the survey. Henry will take the recommendations back to the subcommittee for their consideration.

Faculty Search Committee

Henry communicated to the group that he has been asked to attend a meeting with each of the faculty search committees in which the college president and vice presidents will share their expectations of the new faculty that will be hired. Henry will represent DIAG and share his perspective on the importance of hiring faculty who are committed to diversity and who recognize the needs of the diverse student population who comprise the CSM student body. Henry expressed his appreciation for being invited to these meetings as it demonstrates that Cabinet recognizes the importance of diversity and the role of DIAG as a member of the Institutional Planning Committee.

Planning Committee Update

Sylvia noted that a few more funding proposals are expected in the next few weeks including one for Asian Pacific Islander History Month. She also mentioned that we are close to fully expending the year’s funds. Further, Sylvia will be sure that the event coordinators distribute the DIAG event survey following each of the planned events.

Puente Program

Henry outlined that there is some discussion taking place about trying to bring back the Puente Program to CSM. Discussion at this time is only preliminary and given current budget constraints it is not likely that Puente will become a reality anytime soon. Nonetheless, it is worthwhile that discussion is taking place as research data supports Puente as a program that contributes to student success.

Henry will keep the committee informed of any developments.

Next Meeting: April 19