Diversity In Action Group - Institutional Planning Committee

Meeting Notes

November 1, 2011

Members in Attendance: Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto, Makiko Ueda, John Vehikite,

Stephanie Chiou

Meeting Agenda

Agenda was modified to include two articles for discussion: one addressing educational attainment for Asian Americans and another focusing on a financial aid gap for Latinos.

Approval of Meeting Notes.

Notes of October 18 were reviewed and approved.

Review Assessment Data

Though John Sewart was not able to attend the meeting, committee members reviewed the most recent version of the 2008/09 – 2011/12 College Index data.

Note was made of the high retention rates of 83.4%, 83.8% for the years 2009/10 and 2010/11 respectively. As well, transfer data to UCs and CSUs was also reviewed and noted that there was an increase of 4 to 136 in 2010/11 compared to 2009/10. Though the data looks relatively good, the committee will be requesting that certain college index data be disaggregated by such factors as ethnicity and gender.

Henry distributed a couple of articles of which one focused on the educational attainment of Asian Americans and the disparities within the Asian population. High school rates are noted as very high for Taiwanese Americans at 96% compared to 61% among Hmong Americans. The rates of bachelor’s degrees ranged from a high of 73% among Taiwanese to 12% among Laotians.

Another article distributed by Henry addressed the financial aid gap amongst college students. In the study presented, Latinos had the lowest average award size in comparison to other student groups which included white, Black, Asian, American Indian and Native Hawaiian. It was explained that a possible the gap for Latino students exists due to the majority of these students attending low cost institutions.

The meeting adjourned at 1 pm. Henry will invite John Stewart and Milla McConnell-Tuite to the next meeting to address the College Index and to assess college success data that is disaggregated by ethnicity, gender and other demographic groups to be determined.

Next Meeting: December 6, 2011