Diversity In Action Group

Meeting Notes

November 20, 2012

Members Present: Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto, Fauzi Hamadeh, Makiko Ueda, John Vehikite

Cara Liao, Student Representative

Guest: Krystal Romero, Lisa Melnick

**Agenda**

Agenda was approved as presented.

**Meeting Notes of October 9**

Meeting notes of October 9 were approved.

**Essay on Racism Against International Students**

Henry shared an essay highlighting discrimination that international students are experiencing on college campuses across the country. The article also addressed that international students often feel a degree of isolation and have lack any U.S. friends. The group discussed possible ways to ensure that CSM’s international students are being integrated into campus life.

**Invitation to President Claire**

As a follow up from the last meeting, Henry noted he had extended an invitation to President Claire to attend a DIAG meeting in spring and that President Claire was receptive to joining us at a future meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to request additional funding to support DIAG events and activities. As discussed at the October meeting, additional funds would allow DIAG and the Diversity Planning Committee an opportunity to sponsor two major events per semester. As well, DIAG/DIA could partner with BSI in order to reach a wider segment of the community. Krystal suggested that other members of the CSM community be invited to attend as well.

**Diversity Planning Committee Update**

Sylvia provided a budget update which reflected a 3k balance. She mentioned that requests for funding would likely be submitted for Black History Month events. In addition, funding for Rudy’s latest educoncert scheduled for November 14 has been approved. As well, a film screening of *Vincent Who?* that will include a discussion with the filmmaker has been approved. Tami Hom is coordinating this event.

**Review of Educational Master Plan and College Index Data**

The committee reviewed some of the data included in the updated Educational Master Plan. A discussion ensured about the achievement gap based on gender, age and ethnicity. Henry stated that assessing student success rates is part of DIAG’s charge. Thus he will develop a draft report that highlights the achievement gap using the data from the latest EMP document.

Next meeting to be determined.