Diversity In Action Group

Meeting Notes of February 12, 2013

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

Cara Liao, Student Representative

Guests: President Mike Claire, Krystal Romero, Jeramy Wallace, Dr. Jennifer Mendoza, Dr. Fred Gaines

**Review of the Agenda**

Agenda approved as presented.

**Approval of Meeting Notes of November 2012 Meeting**

Approval of November 20 Meeting Notes postponed due to lack of quorum.

**Diversity Planning Committee Update**

Sylvia noted that a number of requests for funding have been submitted for the spring semester. Approved events include: inMotion a Masterclass by AXIS, being coordinated by Sarah Artha Negara; and Vincent Who?, being coordinated by Tami Hom. Still pending approval are: Pacific Island MANA Youth Conference, submitted by Fi Tovo and Henry Villareal; Youth Empowerment through Community Organizing: Oakland’s Gang Injunction, submitted by Lorena Gonzalez; Roots of Salsa, submitted by Rudy Ramirez ; and a Japanese Choral Concert, submitted by Makiko Ueda. Sylvia also mentioned that if all pending events are approved, the remaining balance in the DPC account will be $400.

**Establishing a President’s Student Success Lecture Series**

Henry informed the committee that President Claire was present to hear about DIAG’s proposal to establish a lecture series that would help promote student success by bringing speakers to campus that can enlighten and educate the CSM community about CSM’s diverse student population. Speakers will be expected to address specific pedagogical and other types of techniques that can enhance student’s learning. Henry mentioned Dr. Laura Rendon as an example of someone who has conducted numerous research studies involving community colleges and has developed a “Validation” theory that is widely recognized. President Claire offered his support and committed 10k to this endeavor. DIAG, along with BSI and the SoTL Center will collaborate in developing the lecture series. The first step will be to develop a name for the lecture series which will be implemented in the 2013-14 academic year.

**DIAG Report: Assessing the CSM Achievement/Equity Gap**

Henry reviewed with the group a draft of the DIAG report which he will be present to IPC at a future meeting. He outlined some of the achievement gap data as identified by gender, age, and racial/ethnic categories. He emphasized that African Americans and Pacific Islanders have the greatest disparities in achieving student success on factors such as course completion, course withdrawal, degree and certificate attainment, and transfer. He requested that committee members provide him feedback within the next two weeks so that he can finalize the report and get on the IPC agenda to present the report. Members are encouraged to attend the IPC meeting when the report will be presented.

Next Meeting: March 5