Diversity In Action Group

Meeting Notes

September 3, 2013

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

Guests: Krystal Romero, Jeramy Wallace, Fi Tovo, Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza

**Welcome**

A welcome was extended to Oliver Li who is the Associated Student’s Representative to DIAG. Oliver expressed that he is excited about serving on the committee. He also noted that there is a student diversity committee that is being established by the Associated Students.

**Review of the Agenda**

Agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of the DIAG Meeting Notes of April 23 and May 14**

Notes of the previous two meetings approved as presented.

**President’s Forum for Academic Excellence: Pathways to Student Success Lecture Series**

Jeramy shared that the inaugural speaker for the lecture series will be Dr. Daniel Walker. The presentation will be held in the theater on Tuesday, September 24 from 11 – 12:30. There will be a reception or light luncheon following his presentation. Dr. Walker is a historian with a specialty in African American History. He is a professor history at El Camino College and a Research Associate at USC’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture.

It was also noted that Dr. Sylvia Hurtado, Director of the Higher Education Educational Institute (HERI) has been contacted as a possible speaker for the Spring 2014 term.

Potential speakers for LGBTQ History Month in October include Cleve Jones and the CA Proposition 8 lawyers. Also, Brian Copeland who has a one-man show titled “Not a Genuine Black Man” was mentioned as a speaker for Black History Month in February.

**Diversity Planning Committee**

Sylvia noted that the DIAG Survey is being updated to include the date and location of the specific program. An email announcing the availability of DIAG funds for diversity related events will soon be sent out to the CSM community. Sylvia reminded the committee that $300 has already been allocated to support the Open Heart Yoga conference scheduled for September 12. Also, a request for $485 has been submitted by Makiko for a “TEN-YOU Calligraphy Art Group” event planned for October 31st. As explained by Makiko, TEN-YOU is a group performs live sessions of calligraphy art and music and also provide workshops on how to write using calligraphy characters.

**Umoja Project Update**

Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza provided an overview of developments regarding the planned Umoja project. She mentioned that IPC provided the green light to develop an outline of the program along with projected costs. The Umoja planning committee will continue to meet and will develop the program’s framework and cost projections. An update will be presented to IPC at a future meeting.

**Pacific Islander Support Program**

Fi shared that she had participated in a recent meeting with President Claire and a few staff to discuss the development of an academic support Program for Pacific Islanders. The planned program is very much in the beginning planning stage but she plans to collaborate with the Peninsula Conflict and Resolution Center who held their MANA event at CSM last spring. The MANA event is a program targeting PI high school students with an emphasis on the importance of succeeding in high school and then transferring to a college or university. The group is already planning for next spring’s MANA conference which is once again planned to be held at CSM. DIAG will provide support to Fi as she proceeds with planning for this initiative.

**DIAG Goals and Objectives**

Henry mentioned that as an Intuitional Planning Committee, DIAG must update its goals and objectives and planning narrative about every three years. Thus, it is time to review the current planning document and review for the three-year timeframe of 2013-1016. Henry will forward the link for the current planning document so members have a chance to review it prior to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2013