Diversity in Action Work Group Meeting Notes for 9/25/18

Attended:   Patrice Reed-Fort, Kate Motoyama, Roxana Rugliancich, Jackie Santizo, Claudia Menjivar, Makiko Ueda, Lydia Chen, Krystal Duncan and Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto

- Welcomed new member Lydia Chen.
- Budget Update: The balance is $8058.98 ($4058.98 carryover and $4000 from the President’s Office). Krystal clarified that we have until June 2019 to use the Equity funding.
- Reviewed request for “The I’Mpossible Project—Broadway Theatre and Suicide Prevention Keynote” for 10/3/18 for $480. Discussion included how this event addressed diversity (mental health issues). The event was approved unanimously.
- Forms update: the DIAG request form is now on the CSM Forms page under the Professional Development – “General” category. Discussion whether this location is accessible to the campus community and whether the form should be moved or added to another site.
- The announcement regarding the availability of DIAG funding was sent to the Bulldog Bulletin, and we discussed other ways to inform the campus community (including emailing the Deans, Ethnic Studies faculty and making announcements in our division meetings).
- We had a follow-up regarding our discussion at our last Spring 2018 meeting regarding planning and funding including student participation (possibly a MCC Student Scholar Intern) as well as a discussion regarding our membership and voting procedure. The co-chairs will follow-up regarding our membership (interests and availability).
- We also discussed the importance of updating our website to formalize our work group (and this will be the focus of our 11/27/18 meeting). Discussion included what information should be added to our website (agendas, meeting notes, mission, and budget). Sylvia will follow-up regarding past agendas and notes.
- Krystal discussed the importance of our work group contributing to Student Equity and connecting with the new Dean of ASLT, Tarana Chapple, and discussed the new committee, Student Equity and Achievement Program (SEAP) which includes SSSP, Student Equity and BSI.
- Follow up discussion to the development of a Master Calendar: some of the members including Gwen, Krystal, Jackie and Kate will plan to meet to discuss the possibility of developing the calendar and meeting with Public Relations and how to distribute. Krystal reminded us that it is difficult to plan ahead and that our funds are limited. Suggested that we could highlight all diversity events, not just those funded by DIAG. Jackie offered to email this sub-committee.
- Discussion of upcoming Fall events including Dia de los Muertos (coordinated by Puente/Latinx Club), Undocu Week of Action (coordinated by Undocu Circle/MCCDC October 15-19), LGBT History Month National Coming Out Day on October 11th (coordinated by Mental Health Peer Educators), and the Cash for College on October 20th (district-wide Financial Aid event hosted by CSM). Rudy Ramirez and the EOPS Club is planning an event for Spring 2019 regarding the history of the College Readiness Program.
- Next Meeting: November 27, 2018