Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 11:15am

Introductions and Public Comments: No public comments were made, but the MDC discussed the need for a meeting time with fewer conflicts. Chair, Deanna Herrera-Thomas agreed to look into alternate times and location.

Approve the Sept 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes (Attachment) – minutes from the Sept 5th MDC meeting were approved without correction. Approved by consent.

Website Heritage Calendar:
Chair Deanna Herrera-Thomas reviewed previous “Heritage Calendar” work by the MDC (during the 2013-2014 academic year). The committee had gathered significant dates and discussed having the calendar integrated into the college web page. MDC member Cindy Hooper had been working with the web page update group and described her input regarding inclusion of the calendar. However, the web page group has not met during the fall 2014 semester and the calendar has yet to be incorporated into the web page. There was discussion regarding if a calendar will be placed on the main web page or if it is more likely to get a “Diversity” link that would then link to a calendar. The MDC members agreed to have Cindy Hooper send an email to the web page group, as well as college administrators, expressing the need to have a “student” calendar on the main page that will include important “heritage calendar” dates. Cindy agreed to CC the committee on the email and report back during the next meeting.

Diversity Referral Poster and accompanying website materials:
Chair Deanna Herrera-Thomas reviewed the proposal to develop a referral poster. This poster would list campus resources and associated contact information. The MDC discussed resources that might be on the calendar. These included: EOPS, Upward Bound, Queer Student Union, LIGHT center, Veterans Resource Center. Committee member Dave Bazard agreed to contact counselor and DSPS faculty member Trish Blair regarding additional resources that would be appropriate to include. MDC member Kristy Carlsen agreed to work on the poster. Dave Bazard agreed to work with Kristy on this project.
Diversity Award Nominee Process:
Volunteer to draft a new Diversity Award form for nominees to expand nominee pool:
Chair Deanna Herrera-Thomas reviewed the current award process and explained how an expanded nominee pool would draw in a larger segment of the campus. After MDC discussion, Chair Herrera-Thomas agreed to draft a proposal regarding a new process and bring it back to the MDC for discussion.

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Chair Deanna Herrera-Thomas described the need to have regular minutes taken at each meeting. Chair Herrera-Thomas expressed the desire to have staff help for this process, similar to what occurs for some other committees. However, since there was not currently a staff member appointed to this task, she asked if a committee member was willing to take on that task. MDC member Dave Bazard agreed to take minutes.

Student Equity Plan Update:
Chair Deanna Herrera-Thomas reported on the status of the Student Equity Plan and approval of the plan by the Academic Senate. The next step is for the plan to be submitted to the Board of Trustees at their October meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by MDC member Dana Maher and seconded by MDC member Dave Bazard.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Minutes: Dave Bazard