Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
   The meeting began at 11:47 PM. Deanna Herrera-Thomas, Philip Mancus, Lora Bristow, Julie Raich, and Valerie Guilmette attending.

2. Introductions and Public Comments: Members of the audience are invited to make comments regarding any subject appropriate to the Multicultural and Diversity Committee.
   No public comments.

3. Approve the December 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes
   Approved without comment. Lora moved. Julie second.

4. Action Items
   There are no action items at this time

5. Discussion
   5.1 Experiences of Successful Latino Community College ESL Students, Philip Mancus (Attachment)
   Mancus reported on the CSA presentation he attended, noting the recommendations made by Blanca Carrasco. Discussion centered on what kinds of culturally sensitive pedagogical and classroom climate changes would be appropriate and relatively easy to implement. The issue of faculty education came up. The questions of testing accommodations & note taking came up, but per Julie from a conversation she had with Trish Blair these are not covered in the same way DS students are. The committee agreed to consider forwarding these recommendations to the senate.

   5.2 ESL for Credit Curriculum, Deanna Herrera-Thomas
   Deanna updated the committee on for credit ESL courses. There is a new statewide effort to take ESL 302B and move that to non-credit. ESL 102 stays for-credit. Julie related from Basic Skills meeting that ENG 350 has now been rewritten and will be going through the Curriculum Committee. It’s slightly more rigorous. The current idea is to use the old curriculum standards for a non-credit version. ESL 302B is lowest ESL course, parallel to ENG 350. ESL 102A parallels ENG 150.
   Deanna asked, when it comes to outreach, are the for-credit courses being promoted? Are students signing up? Can new curriculum go through? What’s the admin’s vision? Per Julie, Erin is aware that the for-credit courses need early outreach.
   In compliance with the student equity plan both credit and non-credit need to be supported. So MDC can recommend their support. The chair will take this recommendation to the next SEPC meeting.

   5.3 Program Review Funding for Multicultural Center Periodicals, Philip Mancus (Attachment)
   This and all other discussion and reports were tabled due to the meeting’s end at 12:40 PM.
6. Reports
   6.1 Student Equity Planning Committee Report, Philip Mancus
   6.2 Report from the Academic Senate, Philip Mancus

7. Announcements/Open Forum
   7.1 California Community College Database Consortium (Attachment)

8. Adjournment

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Friday February 21, 2014 at 11:15 AM