

Gavilan College
Latino Advisory Committee
February 12, 2007
Minutes

Attending: Elvira Robinson (Chair), Bob Gomez, Estevan Guzman, Lorena Tariba, John Perez, Aida Zaldivar, Timoteo Vasquez

Other in attendance: Frankie Frutos (LULAC), Diana Gomez, Judy Walko, Christina Soto

Resource staff: Steve Kinsella, Rachel Perez

Meeting called to order 7:04 p.m.

I. Minutes

MS (Guzman/Gomez) approved minutes as presented.

II. Web Site Update

A copy of the web site was printed out and distributed to members. The web site can be found on the following link <http://www.gavilan.edu/visitors.html>.

III. Letters of Support of the Noncredit Program

Rachel reviewed the noncredit program. Representatives were asked to submit letters of support for the noncredit program. A letter of support was received from San Benito LULAC. Areas of high enrollment are ESL, vocational, and basic skills. There is a concern with faculty on the credit side of classes, i.e., competition, duplication of efforts, and curriculum. There is a need in the community in several areas for ESL; noncredit is more attractive because there are no enrollment fees and no residency requirement. Lorena Tariba, GUSD, indicated that child care is offered through the First 5 grant, as well as classes in the evenings and Saturdays, a Bridge program, computer skills as part of literacy, assistance with applications (one on one), and intake testing schedule in small groups with a bilingual person. This is what makes the program successful and helps with retention. Lorena indicated that there are people on waiting lists. John Perez reported that a letter in support of the noncredit program is coming from the Delores Huerta Foundation.

Christina Soto shared the needs that come through MACSA and noted that one mom, who was served by MACSA, has now enrolled at Gavilan. The goal is to get students to Gavilan and merging services with MACSA will accomplish that goal. Steve reiterated the need to get letters from the community to Gavilan to convey the needs of the community. Steve shared information from state reports about funding to meet community needs. Judy Walko, Adult Literacy, echoed the same support for ESL and vocational needs.

IV. LULAC Young Adult Club

Elvira introduced Frankie Frutos, student at Gavilan and LULAC member. Frankie is interested in starting a Young Adult Club at Gavilan. Steve suggested that Frankie contact John Pruitt and Johanna Stewart for club information and to contact Fabio Gonzalez or Celia Marquez as club advisors. Steve also suggested that a student representative from the Young Adult Club should attend Latino Advisory Committee meetings to keep everyone updated on activities.

V. Other

Lorena asked for a variety of pictures to add to the web page.

Rachel reported that the Science Alive event on Saturday had a diverse population of students. The Workforce Investment Network is having a Celebración de Campo on Sunday, June 3, Christmas Hill Park Ranch area, and asked that the committee support the event.

Estevan asked committee members to send more information for the web site.

Frankie announced a fundraising event is being planned in Hollister.

VI. Next meeting April 3 (Tuesday), 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:06 p.m.