

Latino Advisory Committee
August 14, 2006
Minutes

Committee: Elvira Robinson (Chair), Christina Soto (MACSA), Bob Gomez, Estevan Guzman, Veronica Lezama, Raul Vega, John Perez

Others attending: Judy Walko (Vision Literacy), Noah Slattery Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Resource staff: Steve Kinsella, John Pruitt, Rachel Perez, Kyle Billups

Meeting called to order 6:03 p.m.

I. Web Site/Page

Kyle Billups, Webmaster, distributed a template of the test website, <http://www-new.gavilan.edu/lac/contact.php> for the committee. Members can open the test site and email information to Kyle. San Benito LULAC will provide a link as soon as it is updated. Information from the Latino Advisory Committee is passed on to LULAC. The following information was suggested to add to the site: student profile information, agendas and minutes, feedback from students, club information, and a mission statement. A subcommittee (Estevan, Bob, and Veronica) will work with Kyle on the language for the information.

Rachel suggested adding the designation of Gavilan College as a Hispanic serving institution to the web site.

II. Child Development Courses

Steve reported on behalf of Sherrean Carr, that child development courses are in the process to be offered in Hollister; however the classes do not articulate with the CSU system. The National Hispanic University may work with Gavilan to get courses articulated in their system. Courses may count towards an AA degree.

III. Early College High School

Steve reported that the College is still working with high schools on the Memorandum of Understanding for implementation in fall 2007.

IV. High School Exit Exam

Rachel reported that the Chancellor's Office has earmarked \$10 million for community colleges and high schools to address this issue. The College does need to file letter of intent, which is due August 24 and needs to include criteria of collaborative efforts with feeder high schools, an action plan, etc.

John Pruitt noted that five (5) students have come to the college, some under 18, with no high school diploma and have been admitted as full time students. A process needs to be in place for this student population. We should know by Oct. how the Chancellor's Office would like to proceed. It usually takes about two months for courses to be approved by the Chancellor's Office and then added to the College schedule. Rachel reported that a Citizenship class was recently approved. There was discussion on the noncredit option of providing classes to help students with college readiness. Estevan suggested offering courses in Hollister so students can feel more comfortable. Rachel suggested that classes can also be held at the South Valley Junior High School site in Gilroy. Christine noted that 15-18 students are transferring to the noncredit program to prepare for classes at Gavilan. Steve noted that there is a difference in philosophy between ESL faculty and noncredit offerings and community members need to convey support of noncredit classes by way of letters, etc. Advertising can be done through community based organizations.

V. Other

Noah Slattery (SEIU Child Care Campaign) stated that two students attended the meeting in support of the child development courses.

VI. Next meeting - October 9, 2006, 7:00 p.m. The meeting time was changed at the request of committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.