

Latino Advisory Committee
October 9, 2006
Minutes

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

Others in attendance: Diana Gomez, Jorge Lustre Ruiz (Gilroy Youth Leadership), Luis Reynoso (Gilroy Youth Leadership), Luis Aguilar (Gilroy Youth Leadership), Jesse Sandow, Maria L. Iboa

Resource staff: Steve Kinsella, John Pruitt, Rachel Perez, Sherrean Carr

Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m.

Introductions were made.

I. Minutes

MS (Vasquez/Guzman) to approve minutes as presented.

II. Web Site Update

The subcommittee (Estevan, Veronica and Bob) have provided information to the webmaster. The link is still in the construction stage.

III. Early College High School

John reported that this project is going through the shared governance process and will be launched next fall. A steering committee of staff from Gavilan and the Gilroy Unified School District are working together. The project will be funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The next step is developing an operational plan, which will include the selection of students and faculty. The program will exist on the main campus and online at San Benito High School. The goal is to connect students with post secondary education and continuing on to a baccalaureate program. The selection committee will be spearheaded by middle school counselors, staff from the Gavilan, and parents. The selection process will be March 2007. John Perez suggested that there be an additional focus on sciences (engineering). This project may also help students with the Cashsee exit exam. Timoteo asked to be kept informed when the selection process begins.

IV. Child Development Courses

Sherrean reported that Child Development classes (in Spanish) are being taught in Hollister this semester and courses will be taught next semester in Morgan Hill and on campus. Courses are rotated to the different sites each semester. Departments have been asked to identify courses that are part of a permit or certificate that could be taught in Spanish and; once identified they will need to go through the Curriculum Committee.

San Jose State has been asked to verify articulation of CD classes to their system. John Perez suggested running classes parallel with English as a Second Language courses. Estevan suggested adding a first aid and computer classes in Spanish. He indicated weekends and evenings seemed to work out best. Rachel reported that she was able to hire three of the students, who completed the classes, with the First 5 Grant.

V. High School Exit Exam

Rachel reported that the College submitted a letter of intent to the Chancellor's Office and a decision is still pending. There are 208 students who have not passed the CAHSEE exit exam. The back up plan will be to get a CAHSEE course through the noncredit program and curriculum department.

VI. Latino Enrollment in Vocation Courses

John distributed a handout. The biggest numbers in vocational programs are in child development, computers, administration of justice, and allied health. Transfer information was obtained from the California Post Secondary Education Committee. A request was made for updated enrollment data. John will provide at the next meeting if available. Local universities are the primary choices of students. The Transfer Institute has a total of 38 students on target to transfer in May. The new ERP system may help to track students and goals.

VII. Other
Announcements

Estevan announced the Student Leadership Conference at San Benito High School, Oct. 21 and invited Gavilan College to display an information booth.

Women in Action Dinner, Oct. 28 at Ridgemark, Hollister, \$40 per person

Gilroy Youth Leadership, March 31, 2007, requested support from Gavilan provide the same support as in the previous year

Shirley suggested a slogan for a sticker that a student could wear "Deciding My Future", I'm going to be a dentist, engineer, or...once students have a good idea of what direction they are going; contact information can be forwarded to staff who can follow up

VIII. Next meeting - Dec. 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Agenda: Data on Total Number of Students – Elvira Robinson
Waiver Fee – Timoteo Vasquez

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.