Latino Advisory Committee  
December 4, 2006

Minutes

Attending: Elvira Robinson (Chair), John Perez, Estevan Guzman, Timoteo Vasquez

Other in attendance: Jesse Sandow

Resource staff: Steve Kinsella, Rachel Perez

Meeting called to order 7:09 p.m.

I. Minutes  
MS (Perez/Guzman) approved with addition. Timoteo requested waiver fee issue on next agenda.

II. Web Site Update  
Estevan suggested taking a photo of committee members to put on web site; if any photography is needed he would be available. Members from LULAC have commented positively. The link on the web page should read San Benito LULAC and should include the National LULAC link. Rachel suggested that research data information be added as a link to the site.

III. Early College High School  
Steve reported that the Early College High School Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the board meeting on Dec. 12, 2006. A Joint Boards of Trustees meeting with Gilroy Unified School District (GUSD) will take place before the board meeting. The GUSD has already approved the MOU and the program is scheduled to begin in the fall. The program will begin with 40-60 students and cap at 200. It will be a high school housed on the Gavilan campus. Rachel noted some issues were brought up at department chair meetings, parents’ awareness of curriculum content of classes, and discipline problems. There will be a principal, counselor, and liaison on campus. Most students will be from Gilroy, but inter district policy can allow other high schools to participate. The grant will provide $400,000 - $500,000 over the next 4-5 years, and ADA will follow. John Pruitt will provide more information.

IV. Updated Enrollment Data  
Enrollment is up 10% for the semester.

V. Latino Enrollment in Vocation Courses  
No report
VII. Other
Steve distributed a response from the Chancellor’s Office regarding a question about offering classes in Spanish, which noted that students must be enrolled in an ESL program. Courses taught in Spanish will receive credit at Gavilan, but not CSU and UC. Gavilan will continue offering child development courses in Spanish but needs to comply with state requirements. Courses will be offered in Morgan Hill in the spring. Rachel reported that 16 staff and two students visited San Francisco City College, which has 60,000 noncredit and 45,000 credit headcount respectively. Discussions are scheduled to begin regarding noncredit math and English. Estevan suggested placing an emphasis on tutoring. There is noncredit matriculation that provides assessment, education plans, and counseling services. In order to receive state apportionment we need to develop a noncredit tutoring class. A motion was made (T. Vasquez/J. Perez) and unanimously carried to advise faculty that the Latino Advisory Committee supports noncredit educational programs at Gavilan College. It was also recommended that students need to voice their support for noncredit to faculty. The Committee will work to mobilize people to discuss this at a board meeting. Each organization represented by the Committee can send a letter to the President’s Office for distribution to faculty.

Rachel reported that an application for a grant (CAHSEE) has been submitted by Larry Moeller, grant writer. The College is waiting to hear from Chancellor’s Office. The grant provides a one year funding period, specifically for noncredit courses for approximately 266 students who did not pass the CAHSEE exam. The first CASHSEE prep class has gone through the first reading and the second reading will go before the Curriculum Committee next Monday. It will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval and then to the Chancellor’s Office. The anticipated start date is March 2007. Sixty schools applied for $10 million. Gavilan College received $269,000.

John Perez asked if Gavilan would be responding to an article in *The Dispatch* regarding remedial classes at Gavilan.

VI. Next meeting - Feb. 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Announcements
LULAC Christmas Party, Dec. 8, YMCA Hollister, 339 5th St, 6-9 p.m., 637-1342

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.