

Latino Advisory Committee
January 14, 2008
Minutes

Attending: Elvira Robinson (Chair), Bob Gomez, Cesar E. Flores (LULAC), John Perez, Timoteo Vasquez, Lorena Taribe

Other in attendance: Art Barron (for Aida Zaldivar), Beverly Locsin

Resource staff: Richard Alfaro, John Pruitt, Rachel Perez

Meeting called to order 7:02 p.m.

Introductions

- I. Minutes
MS (Vasquez/Gomez) 9/17/07 minutes approved as presented

- II. Update on Student Services
John distributed information on AB 540 and the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption. The information will be available on the Gavilan College web page, distributed to students on the campus, and will become part of marketing to high schools. AB 540 was approved in 2001 and allows students to be exempt from paying out of state tuition. Eligibility requirements: must have attended a California high school for 3 or more years; graduated from a "California high school or attained the equivalent of a high school diploma; must have registered or currently be enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education in California; must have filed or will file an affidavit as required by individual institutions, stating that student will apply for legal residency as soon as possible. The Dream Act (SB 160) would enable students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition, under AB 540, to participate in all student aid programs.

- III. Probation and Foster Kids Strategy
Richard Alfaro, Foster Youth Liaison, distributed information and provided an overview of what Gavilan College is doing to respond to the Foster Youth Initiative. A Foster Youth Task Force was created at Gavilan College and a community partners meeting was held in Nov. 2007. Meetings will be held monthly. Future actions: Jan., Guardian Scholar Student Orientation, Region IV meeting; Task Force meeting; April, create website; May, Community Partners meeting; Submit Foster Youth Action Plan to Gavilan College Board of Trustees; June, Implement action plan This service is not being funded by the state. There 20 students receiving the Chaffee grant at Gavilan College. San Francisco City College have

model program. Lorena suggested focus groups meet to get input from students. Richard asked the committee to forward information to him by email, ralfaro@gavilan.edu.

IV. Migrant Program GUSD
No report

V. Purpose of Latino Advisory Committee

The current mission statement on the webpage was distributed and Elvira asked for input. After some discussion it was suggested that a letter go out from the President's Office to organizations to see how Gavilan can meet the needs. Steve will work on the mission statement language to include agencies. It was suggested that the icon for LULAC be replaced with agency icons or a list of who is participating. Lorena agreed to be the point person who will work with the webmaster to update the web page. Information to add to the web page: scholarships, AB540. John will contact Gary Cribb, MANO Club advisor, about a student representative for the committee. A suggestion was made to have a committee member provide a report at board meetings. The agendas and minutes are posted on the web page, <http://www.gavilan.edu/lac/index.html>.

VI. Identity Theft

Timoteo introduced Beverly Locsin, Pre-Paid Legal Services presented information on identify theft.

VII. Other

Rachel reported that the Board of Trustees approve 6 noncredit ESL courses and will be forwarded to the Chancellor's Office for approval. Pilot classes will be offered this summer and more classes will be offered in Morgan Hill, Hollister, and Gilroy.

VIII. Next meeting:

March 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Review Purpose of Committee

Steve will prepare what the college needs from committee for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.