

Latino Advisory Committee
March 10, 2008
Minutes

Attending: Elvira Robinson (Chair), Cesar Flores, Christina Soto, Lorena Tariba, Shirley Trevino, John Perez, Bob Gomez

Other in attendance: Fred Tovar, Adriana Naranjo (ASB, Vice President of Events and Activities)

Resource staff: Steve Kinsella

Meeting called to order 7:07 p.m.

Introductions

I. Minutes

MS (Tariba/Flores) 1/14/08 minutes approved as presented

II. Latino Alliance

Fred Tovar, Gavilan College EOPS Advisory Board, provided a review and history of the Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA), a political organization, established in 2006. One of the objectives is to develop and implement a Leadership Academy at an academic institution. A pilot course (Directed Studies 3 unit credit course) is now being taught at San José City College with more courses to be added over the next few years. There are 20 students enrolled, including community members. The LLA is looking for community leaders to serve as mentors. The LLA would like to establish the Leadership Academy at Gavilan College. Comcast has committed \$50,000 to the LLA,

Fred invited committee members to join the LLA. The Board meets twice a month and general meetings take place every 3-4 months.

Committee members expressed support for the program and suggested a subcommittee meet with Fred Tovar. A concern was expressed about funding the program.

MS (Trevino/Perez) unanimously carried to be active in whatever way we can in the LLA and develop a relationship to establish a class at Gavilan College. Elvira suggested one person from the Latino Advisory Committee should be a representative on the LLA.

Steve Kinsella will conduct additional research on the class.

- II. Review Purpose of Latino Advisory Committee/Proposed Mission Statement
Elvira read a proposed mission statement developed by Steve Kinsella. Committee members will forward comments to the President's Office.

Steve Kinsella stated that representatives from agencies on the Latino Advisory Committee have provided the college with valuable information on community needs.

Lorena noted that the Committee should highlight and identify the positive impact of the partnership, between the college and the Latino Advisory Committee, to the Board of Trustees. There should be more dialogue not just reporting information.

- IV. Other

Announcements:

April 4, El Portal Academy grand opening of the multi purpose room at South Valley Junior High School, \$30 per person.

San Benito County Arts Council Student Film Festival, Oct, 5th, Gavilan College winning film premiered at Granada Theater, CMAP has supported with equipment.

Cesar Flores is the recipient of an award for "August Evening" in San Diego

Lorena reported that this is the second summer classes will be offered, with enough students to offer 5 classes this summer.

Fred thanked the committee for the invitation to present information on the LLA. He is hoping to attend meetings as a non member when possible. He announced that students whose family income is less than \$100,000 can attend Stanford tuition free and families with income less than \$60,000 can attend Stanford tuition free plus expenses. He would like to see more Gavilan students apply in the medical field.

Shirley reported that community member Cecilia Weymouth was honored by the State assembly today.

- V. Next meeting:
May 12, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Latino Leadership Academy Classes
Purpose of Latino Advisory Committee
Mission Statement

MS (Flores/Robinson) to adjourn meeting at 8:26 p.m.