

Latino Advisory Committee
May 12, 2008
Minutes

Attending: Elvira Robinson (Chair), Cesar Flores, Adrianna Naranjo, John Perez, Bob Gomez, Shirley Trevino

Others in attendance: Fred Tovar

Resource staff: John Pruitt, Rachel Perez

Meeting called to order 7:07 p.m.

Introductions

I. Minutes

MS (Gomez/Perez) 3/10/08 minutes approved as presented

II. College Update

John Pruitt distributed the Student Profile Report (spring 2008). Enrollment is stable and the biggest increase is high school students (19%) and distance education (37%). Retention and success rates for online classes are the same as classes on site. Currently, not all AA degree courses are online. The number of CalWORKs students enrolled has doubled and instructional space is getting tight. The Noncredit program served 2,300, Community Education 2,000, last semester. There were 354 graduates in 2008. Student Services is providing extra services to assist students who are not prepared for college level courses, with tutoring, basic skills courses, increased lab hours, etc. The Title V grant is focusing on the English side of Basic Skills. There are no online basic skills classes.

Elvira requested gender enrollment of MESA program, John Pruitt will follow up.

II. Report from Latino Leadership Alliance

Fred forwarded course syllabus from San Jose City College (SJCC) to Steve, no meeting has been set yet. John Pruitt will work with LLA. The first class at SJCC is close to completion. Fred has met with each student and mentor and is working on creating guidelines for a mentorship program. Comcast is donating funds for outreach materials and the mentorship program. SJCC is donating classroom space and a mentor. LLA hopes to completely fund program within one year. There are 20 Latino students enrolled; the program is open to anyone, and curriculum is focused on Latino issues, etc. Fred is working with the president at SJCC

and instructor, Jesus Covarrubias. Fred is in the process of evaluating the program and stated that a course might be offered in the summer. Fred is also working on a media summit to highlight the leadership academy.

III. Mission Statement

The committee reviewed the draft mission statement (3/10/08). John Perez expressed a concern about the committee's "advisory capacity only" role and noted that the committee should be able to present concerns directly to the board. Elvira stated that the board members receive committee minutes and suggested one committee member could provide a report at board meetings. MSC (Flores/Gomes) to approve mission statement unanimously carried to approve the mission statement as presented. The mission statement will be posted on the web site. Presentations will be made to the board when appropriate.

IV. Other

Announcements:

Luis Valdez announced that he will be the keynote speaker at Gavilan's commencement on May 23. John Pruitt asked committee members to contact him or Suzanne to obtain tickets for graduation.

Shirley Trevino asked how staff determines future courses to teach and inquired about courses on green jobs. John Pruitt stated that there is a process to determine if there is a job market for the program.

Shirley attended the Gavilan Educational Foundation scholarship ceremony where 150 scholarships were awarded.

Rachel announced that enrollment is open for Zacatecas, Gavilan's Spanish immersion program. Suzanne will forward information to committee.

Fred Tovar announced the Gilroy Leadership Class project, Kid-Safe Day May 27 at Gavilan College.

Elvira asked Adrianna, student representative, to find out if students had issues or concerns to place on agenda.

V. Next meeting:

Monday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- Update on LLA – Fred Tovar

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.