

Diversity for Community Committee Meeting
September 1, 2005

Minutes

Members present: Marilyn Kaff, Michelle Martinez, Christy Moran, Trudy Salsberry, Kimberly Staples

I. Minutes from the last meeting of 2004-2005 will need to be approved at the October meeting.

II. Old Items:

1. A draft (2005) of the COE policy manual is attached. We will work on revisions at the October meeting (regarding DCC). It should be listed under the standing committee section and some changes may be needed regarding roles and membership etc.

2. The following motion was made by Trudy Salsberry, seconded by Marilyn Kaff, and approved by unanimous vote:

The DCC recommends a database be created by Assistant Dean Griffin to study the retention of COE multicultural students.

3. Kimberly Staples will seek arrangements for a brown bag session and a brief report to DCC regarding the international travel experiences of a graduate student (receiving financial support from DCC this past summer.)

III. New Business:

1. Yoli Carter presented information regarding the Equity and Access Grant and asked for assistance in establishing topics for pre-service and faculty professional development on the topic of diversity. She will be pursuing a number of our suggestions for contacts and information (e.g., Myra Gordon as chair of President's Council for Multicultural Affairs; staff working with various bilingual/ELL programs in the college; minority students; residence hall staff and student personnel students).

2. A request from the Community Cultural Harmony Week committee was considered. The following motion was made by Trudy Salsberry, seconded by Marilyn Kaff, and unanimously approved and will be forwarded to Assistant Dean Griffin for action:

A contribution of \$1000 will be given to the Racial Ethnic Harmony Week committee to support a special presentation by a local artist (featuring the migrant worker's experience in the U.S.).

3. Several topics for future activities emerged. In particular, we are considering the creation of a research team focusing on education and diversity issues. We may also consider a panel of presentations about the current research of faculty and students related to diversity.

Minutes taken by Trudy Salsberry