



Diversity Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Faribault: B109, North Mankato: PCR3

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Tracy Stokes-Hernandez, Fannah Adams, Nicole Hamilton, Mity Kennedy, Deborah Selbach, Al Kluever, Kathy Rusch, Xavion Turey, Rikki Walters, Romero Alvarez, Harvey Hassan (District 77), Dr. Parker, Claudia Garcia (Student)

Welcome: Tracy

Approval of Agenda: Deb Selbach moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Al Kluever, carried by all.

Approval of Minutes: Al Kluever moved to approve, Seconded by Rikki Walters, carried by all

Discussion Items

Announcements

Romero indicated that April 3 there is a transfer event at Minnesota State University, Mankato

Tracy indicated that March 26 is a dinner/fundraising event, Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Dinner, and people interested in attending should contact Dr. Parker

Mini Training/SCC Diversity Student Statistics:

Rikki went over a handout that had been sent by Tracy showing ethnicity statistics for South Central College. Additionally Rikki talked about anyone's desire to have her speak on topics for this training, they should email her. Rikki was able to gather a couple topics at the meeting prior to ending her mini training segment for future meetings.

(Dr. Parker):

Dr. Parker addressed spoke about a recent situation involving a student in the MLT program at Faribault Campus. She talked about placement in clinicals. Dr. Parker stated that a recent standout student from SCC of African American descent was recently passed over by a local hospital. She stated that this student was tops in her class in and not sure if bias had anything to do with this incident. She talked on racial bias and how that is now the issue rather than mere racism.

Subcommittee Reports:

Common Read: Kathi is working on a flyer for this event and should have this ready by the end of the week for publication.

Student Date and Retention Goal #3: Mitzy talked about the nursing handout material and the importance of retaining the nursing students in the nursing program. She talked about their need for extra effort in by faculty and staff at SCC to allow them to remain in the program. She had obtained data to show changes over a five year period.

Chair for 2015 (Tracy):

Tracy indicated there would be need for a new chair for the Diversity Committee beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year.

Meeting adjourned. The next Diversity Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 14th, at 1 p.m.

Minutes by Al Kluever, Secretary, Diversity Committee