Cultural Diversity Committee Meeting

Minutes

2/15/07

Attendees- Elisabeth Burgess, Douglass Covey, Susan Easterbrooks, Christine Gallant, MaryAnne Gaunt, Olga Jarrett, Jeremy Paden, John Peterson, Cora Presley, Alaycia Reid.

Absent- Peggy Albers, Julie Ancis, Pedro Carrillo, Marva Carter, Doris Derby, Paul Ferraro, Mary Finn, Skye Hardesty, Amina Kirk, Linda Nelson, Doug Podoll, Natsu Saito.

The meeting began at 2:05 pm.

The minutes were approved as read.

Christine Gallant updated the committee on the progress of her Task Force. Cora Presley suggested that she get the other Task Force members Cathy Brack and Peggy Albers to lead the discussion on the Task Force Report at the March 15 meeting of the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Cora wishes to reconstitute the “Perspectives” Subcommittee. Members will be Doug Podoll, still chair if he wishes, Gary Longstreet as the staff person on the “Perspectives” review committee, Cora Presley, and Jeremy Paden who teaches a “Perspectives” course.

The Executive Committee has decided not to pursue the option of another Core Curriculum course on diversity, so the “Perspectives” course is the only one to fulfill that role. She asked that at the March meeting this subcommittee present a preliminary report. She asked them to look at the list of past courses and consider which really “enhance students’ understanding of diversity,” as the course goals state. She would like the report to include a set of recommendations that would include the kind of courses to be approved.

Cora next reported on the status of the AAMI Subcommittee. Last August when Cora and Christine met with the Provost about the AAMI, he said that he would invite a half-time faculty appointment to advise him on diversity (faculty, staff and student). John Peterson reminded the committee that the Provost will have to replace him as well as appoint an SFA for LGB Faculty. Douglass Covey noted that he had not received information about the AAMI, and Cora said that she would send him the original Regents’ AAMI Report and GSU’s AAMI Task Force recommendations.

Jeremy Paden stated that he has been informed that GSU is now revoking the scholarships of Latino students who are undocumented. Cora asked for clarification on this, and he said he would send her the email about this from his colleague Huge Mendez. She appointed Jeremy as an Ad Hoc Committee of one (so far) to deal with this.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.