Multicultural Network Meeting Summary
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:30-3:00 p.m., Bolton 196

Present: Dao Vang, Linda Huang, Warren Scherer, Gary Williams, Felipe Rodriguez, Gaby Dorantes, Victoria Pryor, Griselda Estrada, Kelby Spann, Susan Fields

Brief Updates

- **AMSLC** – Warren mentioned that he still needs $1080 to send a delegation to the 2015 conference (Academic Affairs had committed $4000 and GIE $2000). Gary will commit $500 from BCC and $500 from the Institute for Intercultural Research. Dao offered to chaperon the conference, and suggested getting two minivans, which will be cheaper than contracting a coach bus.

- **Assessment & CAS** – Warren stated that amendments to the student climate survey went through IRB. Some of the questions/concerns were on the maintenance of confidentiality and the fact that students do not take the survey multiple times.

- **Academic Advising Task Group** – Warren reported that the Academic Advising Task Group has a website (within the Academic Affairs website). The group is currently collecting data/info, reviewing advising practices and standards, and identifying gaps. There will be focus groups with students about their experiences with academic advising.

- **Budget Planning Task Force** – Gary and Warren shared that the separation incentive packages will be forthcoming to those who wish to retire. There will be stipulations attached to this incentive. More info will be sent to the campus community soon.

- **Signing onto FOC Resolution** – Linda reminded everyone to sign onto the Resolution. Another copy of the Resolution and Chapter 36 details will be emailed to everyone again.

- **Applied/Admitted data** – Linda distributed/shared the info. Gary suggested that the group also needs to talk about the graduation rates and other cohort data.

Proposed Lawton Changes for 2015-16

Warren reported that there is an increase of $68,000 in the 2015-16 funding from that of the previous year. The program is capping at 900 students, on a first come/first served basis. Success Advocates (n=25) will be hired to mentor students. They need to be eligible for Lawton, have a minimum of 3.0 or above GPA, and will receive a total of $4000 per year (fall and spring semesters).

The remaining funds (about $64,180) will be used to support study abroad initiatives. Study abroad is an effective HIP.

The proposed structure will be as follows:

- Success advocates will function as peer coaches.
- About 300 seniors will not be assigned to success advocates.
- Students must fulfill at least one requirement from each of the PRIDE categories per semester, take Econ 110 once, and submit an e-portfolio once per year.
Shared Reception/Events

It was suggested that the multicultural offices may plan shared receptions/events at the beginning and end of each academic year. At NSO, there could be combined tabling of multicultural offices (Ramona has been tabling at NSO for the past few years, representing the multicultural offices).

The multicultural offices should do more collective events, instead of having 8-9 separate receptions. For example, there could be a collective hallway open houses – with RHC and other offices having the event at the same time (as what the group used to do in the past).

April 10 is the deadline for submitting events for the Fall Welcome.

2015-16 Meetings

Dao Vang will continue to serve as the chair of Multicultural Network. It was decided to have a summer planning meeting to discuss frequency and format of the 2015-16 meetings. Linda will schedule a 3-hour meeting in July that includes lunch.

Lastly, the group celebrated Felipe’s upcoming retirement, along with Susan and Kelby’s (as well as Twyla’s) length of service awards with a cake and good cheers!