

Skyline College
Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEED)
Advisory Committee
April 21, 2008

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Lori Adrian, Barbara Daley, Nancy Lam, Vicki Morrow, Phyllis Taylor,
Richard Soyombo. Recorder: Linda Ghio
Absent: Rosie Bell, Amory Cariadus, John Chavez, Melissa Komadina

Review and approval of minutes for March 24, 2008

The minutes were approved as written.

District EEOAC

This topic is postponed until the May meeting.

Review of SEED events calendar

- Highlights of upcoming events include:
 - A Poetry Slam will be held on April 23 and “Lovewrecked: Diary of a Manilaman” is on May 1.
 - The Black Student Union declared May 12 to May 18 as Skyline Black Out week. There will be daily events. A series of posters is being created, but right now the planned events are confidential.
 - The BSI group, along with Leslie Shelton, is holding a two-part seminar “The Hidden Harm of the Pressure to Succeed” on April 28 and May 5.
 - Cinco de Mayo events are being coordinated by Luciana Castro and Lucia Lachmayr. LASO will provide food and a piñata and there will be Mariachis in Building 6.
 - Plans are underway for Rock the School Bells in the fall.
- The April 21 presentation, “The Arctic-Why Should We Care?” had to be canceled because they could not get the technology working in Building 6.
- All of the information about the events will be centralized and provided to Shelly Hausman for posting on the college-wide calendar on the website.

Plans for diversity coordinator

- Amory is taking on the role of diversity coordinator for Skyline. In most colleges, diversity events are handled by the Student Activities Coordinator. Amory has not had an assistant, only student help, so there was a concern about her having the time to do diversity events.
- The solution is that Julene Rhoan will move from the President’s Office to the Student Activities Office to assist Amory. Amory can assign work to Julene so she is free to work on diversity events. Annie Trinh in the Cashier’s Office, who currently handles facilities rentals contracts, will assume Julene’s role in processing room reservations. Annie works 11-7 pm so evening people will be able to connect with her.

- Vicki said that the 20% faculty reassignment could be continued for a year to help Amory and during the transition. If Phyllis cannot do it, then perhaps Rosie might be interested, or SEEED may put out an invitation to see if someone else might want to serve
- SEEED will discuss how the diversity event coordination will work at the May meeting.
- The college will move toward centralization of the room reservation process. Eloisa Briones will convene a committee to undertake a review of forms and procedures will take place over the summer so it will be running better by fall.

College Hour proposal and SEEED

- Skyline's ASSC is interested in reinstating the college hour. It would be 1-2 hours per week so that events, meetings, lectures, and concerts can take place when no classes will be held. Students called around to other colleges to find out how it is being done.
- A task force is framing up a proposal to be reviewed at the April 23 College Council meeting.
- Classified staff and faculty are also interested in having this time for their meetings. The Social Science/Creative Arts division has discussed it and there is a lot of interest by faculty.
- A suggestion was made to use one of the college hour timeslots for a college-wide open forum or town hall meeting.
- The concern is that it may be hard for the students to get the classes they want, particularly if the college is in a growth period. The previous ASSC was interested but the current student government is more academically focused and they are fearful it will limit their ability to take the classes they want.
- A suggestion is that the model could have rules that could allow for a concert, but classes are still held. The program could be piloted.
- When Building 4, which will house the multicultural center, cosmetology and administration, is finished it will have seven classrooms so this would ease the pressure of not having enough classroom space.

Other business

- National Library Week was very successful. It included a reading for children. The library provided giveaways for the children and they had a lot of fun.
- Cosmetology is having a BBQ on April 22, Earth Day, with Mike Williamson at Pac Heights.
- EOPS is having a BBQ on April 23.
- A suggestion was made to have SEEED events be better publicized to the community. At the May meeting, SEEED will focus on making sure that events get the attention and audiences that they should get. One idea is to hold an Open House and invite the community. Skyline will hold its first new student Welcome Day and it will draw parents too.
- Skyline signed an MOU with Osun State University in Nigeria and they are interested in the college's social science program. It could be an exchange program. Work is also being done on a faith-based federal grant.