

Skyline College
Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEED)
Advisory Committee
October 19, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Lori Adrian, Barbara Daley. Guest: Tony Jackson. Recorder: Linda Bertellotti

Absent: Rosie Bell, Amory Cariadus, John Chavez, Lynne Douglas, Nancy Lam, Vicki Morrow, Richard Soyombo, Phyllis Taylor

There were only two SEED committee members present so they decided to postpone discussion of the published agenda items for the next scheduled meeting. An exception was done in terms of Professor Jackson's presentation, since he had attended the meeting at the request of Professor Taylor for the purpose of briefing the committee on the Middle Passage Program.

Middle Passage

Tony Jackson presented information on Middle Passage, a workshop involving a lot of community partners and coordinated by Leadershipexcellence.org in Oakland. They do a lot of activities and sponsor mentorship opportunities for young people, which is what Tony and Phyllis have in mind for Skyline's students. They are thinking of running about 40 students through the program and eventually offering "Train the Trainer" programs. Middle Passage is designed primarily for African American students and the training helps African American youth understand gender issues. They focus on attitudes that play out in African American communities. The program is about a five-hour process that includes a slide presentation as a preparation and then the group role plays what it must have been like to be part of a group that had a shared language who were then separated. The role playing segment involves special lighting and a soundtrack. There is a debriefing at the conclusion. Phyllis, Pat Deamer, Pauline Wethington and Maya Watson, ASTEP English instructor, went through the training. Initially, Pat and Pauline did not want to do it, but they had a chance over the summer institute to be a part of it. Tony thinks it is a good way for students to become more sensitized to what the process may have been like.

The program can be done in one day on the Skyline campus. Tony and Phyllis thought about using the gym and one of the Building 6 rooms for the slide presentation. Lori suggested they consider the Gallery because the gym may be hard to schedule. Tony said they originally talked about holding it on September 4. At that time, the faculty and students were not ready, but now they are. Barbara asked if they are considering it as a President's Innovation Fund (PIF) project and Tony said they had ASTEP funding but it may have been old Trustees' funds or PIF funds that had not been spent. Lori said the Black Student Union and ASSC could possibly help with funding.

Lori asked how SEEED could help. Tony is not sure how SEEED can help, but Phyllis thought the campus groups, including SEEED and ASSC should know about it. Lori will view the website and encouraged them to think the idea through and bring it back to SEEED for further discussion. She thought it would be an excellent program for Skyline's students.

Fundraising on campus

Barbara asked about the new restriction on bake sales and events involving food and how it will impact the groups that raise money for special events. While they may not generate much money, they create a lot of bonding and interaction for the groups. Lori said the colleges in the district are not in compliance with the San Mateo County Health Department health codes for food sales conducted by student groups, so the various Student Activities Coordinators have been assigned to look at the regulations. Kathy Blackwood has also indicated that there might be guidelines that limit or prohibit fundraising that the colleges may not be following either, so that is being looked into.

Event Planning Task Force update

An update will be given at the November meeting. Barbara said Facilities does not automatically clean before an event so if event planning forms are being revised, there needs to be space allotted for this request. Lori agreed that it should be indicated on the contract so people are clued in to ask for that. This topic was added to the November SEEED agenda, along with the task force update.

Other

Barbara said President Obama made a new proclamation that October is Information Literacy Month. The Skyline Library is interested in promoting it.

Next meeting: November 16, Room 1319

Discussion of the following agenda items was postponed until the November 16 meeting:

1. Review and approval of Minutes for September 21
2. Aftermath of the shooter incident and SEEED's role in the college wide conversation: facilitating a student discussion
3. Public Safety approach to reports of "suspicious activity" – Brian Tupper
4. Event Planning Task Force update: final report from summer work group
 - a. Event set-up contract change to include cleaning beforehand
5. Diversity Coordination update
 - a. SEEED events calendar
 - b. Review of status of plans for Fall 2009
6. Update on Resource Room
7. SEEED meeting start time
8. Food vending
9. Information items
10. Work of the Student Equity Committee: Rob Johnstone