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March 17, 2010

Chancellor's Advisory Council for Diversity & Inclusive Community

In Attendance: Vivian Fueyo, Michael Williams, Latarri Canty, Jamie McHale, Lyman Dukes, Patricia Pettijohn, Sharon Segrest, Marketa Teal, Brie Reck

Agenda and Discussion:

1. Michael welcomed the council and expressed his desire for the council to continue making progress towards our goals. Vivian reported that Dr Sullivan continues to support the Council and supports having a Diversity Officer for our campus, once funds are available.
2. Schedule of Events—Michael addressed the need for having a more holistic approach to multicultural programming on campus and asked for feedback. The following points were raised:
 - a. Moving away from theme months, and having events throughout the year
 - b. Suggesting that Wednesday afternoons be left open to encourage attendance
 - c. Latarri requested more support from faculty in promoting programs
 - d. Latarri mentioned that Black history Month and Women's History Month are most popular and that she tries to focus programming on students' needs by soliciting feedback from the community.
 - e. Council is in favor of having its own website as a way to demonstrate our commitment to diversity at USFSP and to promote all multicultural programming in central place. It was also suggested we market this web page with contemporary pictures, "Top 10" lists, and have a place for community to give feedback to the Council
3. Membership of Council—Dr Sullivan requests that the staff and A&P councils suggest potential members from which she will choose. Council members expressed their desire to remain on the council for continuity and for a desire to continue working towards shared goals.
4. Statement on Diversity—The council supports the statement presented by Karen Talamantez from HR, with the understanding that this statement does not supplant the Council's mission statement. Rather, that this statement addresses legal and procedural issues.
5. MLK Parade—council members that attended felt it was a success. It was suggested that since this is our "signature" event, we should be more involved in the planning process
6. Other Business:
 - a. Marketa asked for suggestions/support as to how to market to under-represented student groups, stating that it was difficult for her to do so. She further commented that it would be helpful to have institutional data and that many students leave USFSP because it doesn't meet their curriculum needs.
 - b. Lyman talked about Project Stingray, a pilot program which will work with students with intellectual disabilities to integrate them into campus life. Students will audit classes and be involved in campus activities

- c. Brie mentioned there will be a fundraiser on 4/15/10 to support an LGBT student scholarship endowment.
- d. Michael shared he has been asked to obtain feedback from the Council on a USFSP Diversity “tagline”—The council agreed on “USFSP...Welcoming...Diverse...Inclusive”
- e. Next meeting on May 5, 2010 12:30-2pm. Vivian stated she invited the Chancellor to attend. Other suggested speakers included: Ernie Gonzalez for data and Karen Talamantez from HR.