

EODAC Meeting Notes for December 8, 2023

Attendees: Helen Acosta, Amanda Aguiano, Gilbert Ayuk, Vikki Coffee, Maria Elizondo, Patsy Garcia, Martha Gonzalez, Yvette Jackson, Richard McCrow, Tiffany Sagbohan, Sara Wallace, Kim Arbolante, Jonathan Schultz, Paula Parks, William Velasquez

Agenda - Meeting Notes:

Meeting called to order at 11:01 am

The meeting notes and agenda from the 10/27/23 & 11/17/23 were reviewed and approved as is.

I. Good Welfare Concerns

A scholarship named "Ozie B Track and Field scholarship" has been started by Tiffany Sagbohan in honor of her grandmother which is a full ride for two years for recipients.

Richard McCrow acknowledged Dr. Jonathan Schultz's Levan Local Mental Health Talk which was a great success.

Helen mentioned that she spoke with Scott, who is working on the BC website and the search function is now working properly.

II. Co-Chair Reports

Admin Co Chair: Rising Scholars members attended the NCHPEP Conference in Atlanta, it was a great conference. They expect to start pushing forward with new initiatives. In the next 2 to 3 years, we will start to challenge CDCR with opportunities to begin to offer more programs. Rising scholars Pell grants are expected to come out soon. They will be used to provide books, etc. for the participants.

EAC, (Education Administration Council) – Talked about equity and looked at the data to do datamining which is being driven by leadership.

Faculty Co-Chair Gilbert Ayuk Shared that the state board is meeting to look further at DEI initiatives. The focus of the committee is on DEI and updating our commitments on equity.

The issue was raised about the lack of services available for students attending night school, such as; cafeteria, book store, pantry, & library. It would be nice if the

pantry was open at least one night per week, as well as someone from the Office of Student Life being there for them. Additionally, they need access to other services as well.

Some students need access to off campus housing and other community services. We need to adopt a support system for those students. We need to establish a goal of having support services for night school students. We will have to figure out how we can provide those support services for night school students, and can we commit to having a night administrator.

An issue was also raised about the Delano Farmers Market products are currently only the left-over items consisting of the items that no one is picking up. Also, due to staffing shortages, the pantry at the Delano campus is not readily available. There appears to be an issue in Delano of the hiring student worker's process. It was mentioned that the SGA is working on bringing the pantry to the Southwest campus.

We set a goal of creating accessibility of a support system, and we need to bring this back for further discussion and come up with ideas and solutions.

Another issue was raised about "No Credit" courses being offered at the Delano campus. They are not currently seeing those courses being offered. How do we increase the number of "No Credit" courses being offered to the community, such as CPR, EMLS, Bookkeeping, and other career building courses? What can we do to get more classes offered and the instructors to teach them? We also need to improve student-facing communication on what is being offered. It was mentioned that it creates an equity issue for students when things like Virtual Health Care is not listed on the BC website. Can we encourage teachers to put it on their Canvas pages and label it "Resources"? The goal for this committee is to look at the student facing website.

Additionally, Community courses are being offered in high schools, but the schools are not providing Wi-Fi Password, which causes students to have to try to use the data on their phones. It was also mentioned that the Wi-Fi in Shafter is not very good, and it crashes a lot. The committee wants to know if we can get guest logins for students to use.

The question was raised, Is there a program to review the BC website which would allow us to make suggestions for changes or updates, because the website is currently not user friendly.

Dean McCrow provides DEIA overview at each New Hire Orientation; however, it needs to be provided to the rest of the population, the goal is to figure out how to

make that happen. Especially changes in the last that have come down from the state as part of accreditation.

SGA Co-Chair: The SGA rep. provided an overview of their work with trying to bring the pantry to outlying locations. Working on Pell Grants and getting advocates to help with scholarships for undocumented students. They suggested that we set a goal of helping undocumented students to obtain their documentation so that they have it, and then encourage them to apply for financial aid. There are also other programs to provide help in applying to AB540 students.

III. Items to for next meeting

Dean McCrow to pull together a rough draft of 4 or 5 goals. Send Richard the ideas that you are passionate about.

IV. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2023, in CC 232

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.