

## **Pierce College Diversity Committee MEETING MINUTES** **(SEPTEMBER 13, 2018)**

Present:

Michael Habata	Library/Co-chair
Marcela Portillo	Pierce FYE
Dominic Lefort	student ASO representative
Lori Travis	Communication
Julio Tsuha	Sociology
Judy Bagg	English/ESL
Teak Lee	Life Sciences (guest)
Desiree Goetting	Life Sciences (guest)
Raffi Kahwajian	grant-funded programs
Abby Watson	International Students
Mita Desai	Counseling
Mylo Egipciano	Psychology
Lisa Valdez	Library
Maria Bates	English
Pauline Pham	Math

Michael Habata calls meeting to order:

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11:28 a.m. Michael calls attention to the Minutes from Previous meeting. Laurie Travis motions to approve the minutes. Julio seconds her motion.

1. Diversity Newsletter Update: Michael states we are waiting for it to be officially sent out by administration. Diversity syllabus statement is included in the newsletter.
2. Michael proposes that the committee no longer focus on the various teams that were used for the diversity committee during 2017 to 2018. It is felt that it is more effective and we will have better outcomes with a stronger presence of participants.
3. Michael notes that the ASO and Theatre departments have asked for the PDC's help with upcoming events. Laura Conrady Wong mentioned there are events taking place including Latino Heritage Month and Michael request a list of tasks is made up by Laura so participants can help with the event.

4. Julio Tsuha: Presents Tam Tran play will be taking place on October 23 in the theater department. Julio explained the background and story of Tam Tran, recognizing her impact about standing up and having a voice about immigration rights.
5. Lisa Valdez speaks about OBOC: Unlocking Justice Summit and Prison Pipeline. Taking place October 12, 2018 from 8am – 3pm. There will be keynote speakers and breakout sessions. Representatives from Pasadena City College, CSUN, Mission, East and LA City College will be in attendance. She needs 5 room monitors to hand out surveys. Julio and Abigail volunteer.
6. Julio: discussed the events of UndocuDay - Approximately 80 people attended. The Chancellor attended as the keynote speaker. Julio discussed what was learned from the experience, what went well and how the event could be improved in the future. He noted that the keynote speaker should speak for a maximum of 30 minutes. People wanted more time for help than for inspiration.
  - a. The next UndocuDay is planned for the Spring 2019.
  - b. Julio also stated that the Chancellor wants a Dream Center at each college in our district.
7. Pierce College's homeless students. Lisa stated that there is a food pantry run by Darcy Corwin who works with Dean Astorga. There are actually two separate programs at Pierce.
  - a. STASH – an ASO club - Students Against Student Hunger. Christopher Lay is the adviser. STASH is only open for 1 1/2 hours two days a week.
  - b. Food pantry - anyone can bring food. It's located in the old media center. They are seeking a contract with stores for food bags to create checklists and wish lists made by those in need.
  - c. It is noted that Raffi from Valley College has a good program up and running and that perhaps it would be a good resource for expediting any obstacles.
8. Abigail discusses International Students and Multicultural Day.
9. Michael says Shannon Krajewski will be presenting on September 28 for student veterans resources and on October 26 for the LGBT sensitivity training.
10. Michael asked if there are any diversity training gaps.
  - a. Lisa Valdez mentions that she would like a bit additional training available for Ghosts on Campus.
    - i. She discussed that recruited players from the East Coast and their experiences. Noted that there has been a lack of training for faculty.
11. Michael proposes that Pierce College create a Multicultural day similar to the one offered at Moorpark College.

- a. Maria Bates – Described Moorpark College’s Multicultural Day, which she attended a few years ago as a guest.
  - b. Lisa, Judy, THE ASO Rep, Abigail, and Julio suggested participating in a beta Multicultural Day this Spring 2019.
  - c. Michael and Maria will speak to Moorpark College aiming for fall 2018.
12. Michael suggests creating a separate event for May 2018 in recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
  - i. Michael mentioned seeking authors for the event, which would require some funding, in addition to having a student panel speaking about the Asian American experience.
  - ii. Michael mentioned a couple of authors, including someone who has written a series of mystery novels starring a Japanese American gardener in his 70s, and Viet Nguyen, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Maria said his fee is considerable since he won the Pulitzer. Michael will contact the Japanese American author.
  - iii. Mylo suggested Kathy Huang, a filmmaker that has done a documentary on Indonesia's transgender-muslim community Tales of the Waria, as a possible speaker
13. Lori notes that CAS has a Communication Cafe offered in both fall and spring semesters (not during winter or summer).

Meeting adjourned at 12:38pm.