Diversity for Community Committee/COE
Minutes for November 1, 2007 meeting

November 1, 2007
9:30 am

Attendance: Kay Taylor, Kevin Murry, Bobby Gomez, Michelle Martinez, Teresa Miller, Christy Moran, Kimberly Staples, Jeff Zacharakis, Marilyn Kaff

Minutes were approved for the October 2007 Meeting.

Discussion Doris Wright-Carroll Presentation
  o 11 participated
  o How do we improve participation?
  o Recommendation—when making international presentation have an interpreter or be fluent in the language

Dr. Marilyn Kaff’s presentation will be held on Monday, November 5, noon. Highlights will include Special Education policy around the world.
  o Everyone should encourage their students to attend.
  o Trying to put funding to visit Tanzania where a special education college is being developed.
  o Discussion on who to invite—graduate students, freshmen and sophomores, special ed teachers.
  o Maybe we could invite Dr. Gilbert Brown—Unleashing Suppressed Voices: Diversity Issues in Higher Education.

Michael Tilford Conference in Wichita.
  o Add link to our Web site for Multicultural Competency Development
    ▪ This is the basis for the Tilford Grants
  o Table of Contents for Roundtable Presentation/Discussion.
  o Passport System for Multicultural Competencies
  o Definitions of diversity vary by college and by universities. There are non-invasive things that a faculty can do to infuse diversity into their course.

DCC Proposal Guidelines-tabled for December meeting

Other Items
  o COE Website
    ▪ Add Bobby’s name
    ▪ Add link’s to Website—request that each member add links to their specific area.
    ▪ Each member also add organizations for your area of specialty.
  o DCC Display Board—everyone likes it—Simple but fantastic
o Other—long term project to secure funds or create endowment to attract minority and first generation—work with Developing Scholars (Anita Cortez)—Bobby will explore developing a policy paper or white paper on supporting undocumented students (work with Kevin Murry and Amanda Moreales)—McNair Program—First step identify resources already available to under-represented students.

o Susan Donnally—Afganistan Partnership, looking volunteers to go there to work with Afgan professors.

Adjourn Meeting 9:45 am.

Minutes submitted by Jeff Zacharakis