President’s Council on Diversity

Meeting Notes

January 18, 2010

Members present: Brett Elliott, Chip Weiner, Ming-Shan Su, Dell McLain, Brina Ford, Dick Hackett, Randy Prus, Cathy Conway and Claire Stubblefield

I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Claire Stubblefield at 1:34 p.m.

II. Dell McLain moved to approve and Cathy Conway seconded the motion to approve the minutes from Monday, November 30, 2009.

III. Subcommittee Reports
   a. Student Diversity Survey
      1. Dr. Brett Elliot provided a handout that was compiled of interesting/pertinent results from the survey. Dr. Elliot reviewed and discussed the results.
      2. Dr. Claire Stubblefield suggested that the committee go over the survey and work to tighten up the wording.

   b. Recruitment and Retention – Dr. Brett Elliott discussed the status of the grow your own concept.

      1. Dr. Elliot contacted Paul Buntz regarding grant opportunities to support the concept of Grow Your Own and was directed to several links.
      2. Dr. Elliot indicated that there may be grant opportunities through S.T.E.M programs.
      3. Dr. Claire Stubblefield suggested that the committee continue to investigate opportunities for funding.

   c. Curricular Enhancement
      1. Dr. Randy Prus reported that he was ready to meet with Deans regarding the questionnaire that asks for specific examples of curricular enhancements for diversity.
      2. Dell McLain indicated that he had concern for what that meant and asked for the opportunity to visit with Dr. Prus and Dr. Stubblefield for clarification.
      3. Dr. Stubblefield suggested that they meet to discuss and go over any questions or concerns. Meeting scheduled: January 25, 2010 @2:00.
d. Policy and Procedure
   1. Dr. Stubblefield provided copies of the revised Mission and Vision statements and asked the committee to review.
   2. There was discussion about the use of the term *liberal arts* in the vision statement. As a result of the discussion Dr. Charles Weiner made a motion to strike the term liberal arts and change to *higher* and it was seconded by Dell McLain. The first line of the Vision statement now reads: As a community dedicated to excellence in higher education, Southeastern Oklahoma State University pursues the contribution of diverse voices as we seek to foster a deep, shared sense of purpose.

e. Vision 2015 – Diversity & Cultural Competence
   1. Dr. Stubblefield provided draft copies of the Diversity & Cultural Competence Goal statements from the 2009-10, S.E. Plan of Action and opened the floor to discussion.
   2. Cathy Conway voiced her concern about the first bullet under the 2009/10 Plan of Action Objectives and asked for clarification on what data is supposed to be reported and how.

IV. Next meeting – February 22, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m.
V. Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.