GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MULTICULTURAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 2023 Virtual Zoom

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Unadopted Minutes**

Mission Statement

The mission of the committee is to develop Multicultural & Community Engagement Center’s program policies and procedures; promote the values and objective of the MCEC; and build a campus culture of acceptance and inclusion through engagement.

**Attendees:** Hoover Zariani, Linda Perry, Diana Rivera, Jennifer Quinonez-Skinner, Nancy Medina, Elizabeth Margaryan, Sosie Berg, Marineh Artuni

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2022 **Hoover Zariani**

MSC (Jennifer Quiononez-Skinner / Sosie Berg)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Funding various programs (Dream/Pride/Rising Scholars)**

* MCEC has received State funding for each of these programs. The funds are not huge amounts but they are consistent for three to five years.
* These programs each have their own club like Dream Resource Center has Voices, Pride Center has Saga and Rising Scholars has System Impacted Intellectuals. Most of these funds will be used to support these programs and their clubs in developing activities, workshops, presentations and events.

1. **Lavender Graduation Task Force for 2022-2023**

* Lavender graduation is a special and a very personal graduation celebrating the hard work and dedication of the students in these programs.
* This year there will be at least 10 to 20 students either graduating or transferring.
* The ceremony will be held on Friday, June 16th from 4:00 to 6:00PM and each student can bring up to two guests. Dinner will be served.
* Students will buy their own caps and gowns and MCEC will help the students with financial hardships.
* Different Sashes are being designed for each group.
* Nancy and Jennifer volunteered to help. More volunteers are welcome.

**UPDATES**

1. **SPARKS Recruitment**

* MCEC runs the SPARKS mentoring program. This is in conjunction with the summer bridge program
* Recruiting is happening on campus now. Looking for 30 students
* The job pays $16.00 an hour and the mentors will be trained and they can pick up their own hours and it could be in person or virtual.
* Applications are due on June 23rd ,2023.
* <https://www.glendale.edu/sparks>

1. **Estudiantes Unidos Program**

* This is a leadership program for Latino & Latinex students. There are 18 students is this program right now.
* They meet with the campus leaders, brainstorming on a project that they are interested in and they implement the project.
* The project this year is a creative student club called “Orgulo Laine” which means Latin pride and the advisor is professor Kono.

1. **Dream Center Updates**

* Dream Resource center and the Voices club have arranged the 16th Annual Dreamer Student Conference on March 24th to bring high school juniors to GCC for a daylong conference with different workshops, food and raffle tickets
* This is an in-person event at Student Center with the workshops will be held at Sierra Vista building.
* 120 students are expected to come
* The other event organized by Dream Center will be on March 14th and is for Immigration and DACA updates
* CARECEN Services will be present to cover the new immigration and DACA updates.
* CARECEN Services also offers free of charge immigration services to our students and their families once a month.

1. **Rising Scholars**

* Rising Scholars have started a new club called “System Impacted Intellectuals” and they already organized an in-person event called “A Journey of Reflection and Restoration” on March 30, 2023. The guest speaker will be Sandra Louise James sharing her own story and struggles as a formerly incarcerated individual. She will also share some of her writings from her book called “From Rebel to Remnant”

**Minutes submitted by Marineh Artuni**