Diversity Committee Meeting
December 4, 2014 (3:00-4:00)
B-210
Minutes

Present: Dora Abbruscato, Richard Brown, Jim Ellison, Kay Frey, Jean Gorman, Dr. Luisa Hernandez

• Welcome and Introductions
  Dr. Hernandez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

• Old Business
  a. Mission Statement
  The Committee finalized its mission statement.

  “We are committed to recognizing, respecting and learning about our differences by providing resources and an environment that embrace diversity.”

• New Business

  • Strategic Plan – Role of Diversity in the Strategic Plan
  The various strategic directions of the Strategic Plan are align with a specific committee within Triton. Because diversity is a part of the overall Strategic Plan, no one strategic area is align with the Diversity Committee. In our efforts to provide guidance on the Strategic Plan, the Committee agreed to carefully review the Strategic Plan and to make suggestions/recommendations to assist the College in fulfilling its goals. A final report will be presented to the College Council.

  • President Obama’s Executive Action on Immigration
  Dr. Hernandez briefed the Committee on President Obama’s recent action and explained how it would affect current and future students at Triton College. Differed Action on Childhood Arrival (DACA) protects undocumented immigrants who have lived and studies in the US most of their lives, can qualify to avoid deportation and obtain a temporary social security number and work. Qualified applicants must apply every two years. Despite these benefits, these individuals do not have legal status and still do not qualify for government benefits, including financial aid. Many of these young adults will be looking to fulfil their goal of attending college.

• Announcements
  None

• Next Meeting – February 5, 2014  3:00-4:00 B-203