NDUS Diversity Council  
March 21, 2012  
Minutes

Members present:  Kim Weismann, WSC, Tony Trimarco, UND, Betty Schumacher, VCSU, Melissa Johnson, NDSCS, Rhonda Schauer, NDUS, Annette Martel, BSC, Hal Haynes, DSU, Jaclynn Davis Wallette, NDSU, Teressa Tande, LRSC, Colette Schimetz, DC,

Members Absent: Carolyn Baker, MaSU, President Larry Skogen, Evelyn Klimpel, MiSU

Let the minutes reflect the above members were absent due to scheduling conflicts.

Cheryl Thompson, Learning Technology Specialist for Advanced Learning Technologies, ALT, provided training on Blackboard Collaborate Web Conferencing. Cheryl stated this would replace Wimba. Feedback from the group was positive and everyone agreed to continue to meet over blackboard.

January 11, 2012 minutes were reviewed, Hal motioned to approve, Betty seconded the motion, motion carried.

Betty gave an update on the treasurer report. Betty informed the group LRSC did not send in their dues. Teresa stated the dues were sent, Betty will follow up with her campus business office.

Tony provided a power point on the subcommittee’s recommended revisions for the annual report template. Discussion was held on the seven (7) goals that resulted from the Rankin assessment. Members agreed on proposed revisions, Tony will follow up with a draft template and forward on to the council for feedback. Revisions to Policy 302.4 were discussed, no action was taken. This item will be moved to the April agenda.

Collette of DC asked if background material is available for diversity goals, Rhonda will research and forward information to Collette.

Rhonda provided information regarding a campus Diversity Mentor. The Mentor would assist the council member with their campus diversity initiatives. They would provide 20 hours of work per semester and be compensated once their hours are completed in the amount of $500. Rhonda visited with Pat Seaworth, and he would compile a contract for the campus to use for the student or faculty member selected. No action was taken, this item will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Discussion was held on the annual reports each President submits to the Board. The council asked if diversity initiatives are included in the reports. Rhonda will follow up with President Skogen and give an update at the April meeting.

Discussion was held on whether a system-wide report can be generated that would provide information on retention and graduation rates by race. Rhonda will follow up and provide an update at the April meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 11, 2012, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. via Blackboard Collaborate Web Conferencing.

With no other business the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
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