Staff Diversity Committee

December 9, 2011 2pm

Present: Sherri Pierce(Chair), Debbie Chesser, Chief Leonard Knight, Ed Heaberlin, Robbie Richards, Nonnie Compton (attending for Fusako Yokotobi-advocate)

Recorder: Nonnie Compton

Diversity event in March, two days.

Call the event “Culture Craze” as in the past.

1st day/evening in the PAC – the only date available is March 17th , St. Patrick’s Day. Ed Heaberlin will check on room availability.

Performances on stage, short skits to complete a nights performance.

2nd day – Speakers (academic), use the SAC – call Robert Sewell for requesting rooms and dates.

Switch or rotate rooms (have speakers in different rooms with the ability to go to any room.

Open to students and the public, Fridays have less students on campus but more space is available.

Open to suggestions for speakers:

Lamuel Jenson (student) Native American

Pam James (counselor) Alcoholism and maybe heritage.

Diane Goodman – Social Justice Trainer for education from New York. ($29K budget)

Mia Angelo – have Fusako contact. Send a copy of the list of suggested speakers to Fusako.

Dr. Morris has previously suggested Angela Davis.

National conference speakers with topics of social justice, instructors comfort zones, diversity in education.

We could have Deaf Community demonstrations and/or storytelling.

Students who have experienced dyslexia and/or ADD discuss their learning challenges. This could create an understanding of learning challenges. Students could share their own experiences and how they overcome the struggles.

Collect audience quotes and post and/or share the quotes to hear what people are taking away from the event.

Get advertising out. Flyers, newspaper coverage.

Get flyers out. For flyers, maybe come up with words that begin with the letters that spell out CRAZE as they would relate to diversity. For example: A for Awareness and E for Equality.

We could ask for artwork to be submitted by art students or any students to represent diversity in various aspects. Too late for Spring semester students. Need something to say, “Coming Soon – Culture Craze”. Ask Tech X, CIDG, Animation Dept for help.

Have diverse flyers, multiple variations identifying the information.

Next meeting: Friday, February 10, 2012 2-3pm, DSPS Conference Room.

Adjournment: 3pm