Staff Diversity Committee

October 28, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

**Present**: Fusako Yokotobi (advocate), Janet Long, co-chair (management); Sherri Pierce, co-chair (faculty); Debbie Chesser, (faculty); Eddie Stacy, (ASB), Carole Stump (classified)

Recorder: Jeri Kay Falkowski

**Approval of Minutes**: Minutes from the February 19, 2010 meeting were approved with minor corrections. March minutes will be provided at next meeting. A copy of the minutes shall be e-mailed to the VVC Webmaster for posting on the website.

**Culture Craze Debriefing**: Last year’s Culture Craze event was summarized. Committee feels they need a better handle on the budget and money this year. Ordering supplies, making purchases and hiring vendors was a difficult process. Charging the vendors a fee was discussed. The committee also expressed the need for more volunteer help. It was suggested we make Culture Craze a community event to do more outreach to attract businesses.

Culture Craze had less participation than anticipated and the committee needs to either look at ideas to increase participation or change the format.

The committee needs to look at results of the survey that went out. Initial results indicated a desire to embrace diversity with less party-type atmosphere and a more serious side. Committee needs to make a decision if monies should be spent on music or on workshops/speakers. If the format is changed to include workshops, it becomes more academic and may pull in more faculty participation. Event could have speakers during lunch or be a whole day event with break-out sessions.

Debbie will speak to Eric Pearson about having a theater production and available dates of PAC.

Discussion held regarding Victor Valley College’s 50th Anniversary celebration this year and our involvement as a committee. Suggestion was made to keep Culture Craze as part of Rams Week. Committee is discussing moving Culture Craze to another venue.

**Future discussion**:

* ASL movie preview (meet at DSPS Office), PAC/SAC availability: Debbie Chesser
* Staff Diversity information on Website: Sherri Pierce, Justin Gatewood
* Funds available for Culture Craze and other activities for this year: Fusako
* Additional ideas for speakers/activities/workshops, etc: All
* Culture Craze date/format: All

**Next meeting**: Thursday, November 18 at 2 p.m.

**Adjournment**: 3:23 p.m.