

Notes from Council on Community Building Meeting
October 26, 2004

In attendance: Dru Bookout, Bobbie Harrison, Carolyn Lindeman, Bill Neal, Paul Pascal, Mita Tripathi, Finney Varghese, Deb Yoder, Susan Barkley

Update of events:

- The Multicultural Center reports that they are producing a monthly newsletter that is e-mailed to all international and ESOL students. Each month has a different theme such as November's that emphasizes National Education Week from Nov. 15-19 and a cultural calendar whose purpose is to create community for our students and support communication networks.
- The Restart program is now under Elva Perez and Donna Walker and is called *Adelante* meaning come in, come forward or move forward. This program recruits Hispanic students. One area targeted for expansion is Garland. There are also plans to recruit more African-American and Asian students through high school and community relations.
- The spring schedule is now on the Web.
- Finney reported that salary increments are now in the budget.
- This is the 10th week of class

We discussed a way to enlighten Thunderducks about the variety of programs offered at our college. Suggestions included:

- a computer prompt such as the Thundervalue one
- a factoid pop-up on the Website – we concluded this might be too busy or distracting
- a Bridge article with a prompt of a way to incorporate information about the program into a class or work group meeting
- e-mails to students - Carolyn brought up that this would probably violate the guidelines set up by the Communication Management team.

Action: We will contact Jenni Stone and ask her advice on this item.

Wall of Honor Ceremony

Bobbie showed the portraits of our newest inductees.

Ami Stoval
Evan Bernstein
Victor Pham
Scott McDonald
Sandra Spencer

Update on where we are with the next ceremony:

- All nominees have been notified, had their pictures taken; all will be attending the ceremony
- The essays will be finished by 10/29. Mary Frances is editing them

- Bobbie will contact the former recipients to make sure they are in attendance.
- Framing will be completed.
- Honor Rolls will be updated

We viewed the video of the last ceremony and discussed how to improve the next ceremony.

In the future we will revisit the nomination form so that nominators will fill out the information rather than providing only a resume.

We will also provide a check list of actions that need to be taken in preparation for the nomination process and ceremony.

It was proposed to send an e-mail to RLC telling them who is to be honored at the ceremony and encouraging those who have had the pleasure of working with these students to attend the ceremony.

We discussed crowd control and the possibility of moving the ceremony to the center part of Crockett where there would be less congestion. Another possibility would be to cordon off a pathway.

Action Items:

- 1. Susan will contact Steve to confirm that the date and time for the ceremony are on his calendar, ask Steve and Janet to discuss options for crowd control at the ceremony and contact Robert Baker about police for the ceremony.**
- 2. Dru will write a short statement giving information about the former wall of honor students to be read as their pictures comes down, contact RLC to announce nominees and encourage all to attend the ceremony , get final essays from Mary Frances by 10/29, contact Rick Walker about video taping the ceremony reminding him that every student will get a personal video.**
- 3. Bobbie will contact former recipients, arrange for refreshments, frame the pictures and make sure the honor roll is updated**
- 4. Carolyn will contact Randall Garrett about hanging the pictures at the ceremony and John Pollack about photographing the event.**
- 5. Bill will take down the pictures of the former recipients at the ceremony.**