Achieving the Dream
Black and Latino Men’s Resource Center Committee Meeting
January 11, 2007 - Minutes

Strategy: Develop a mentoring and student activities program specifically targeted for Black and Latino males.

Committee Members present: Dean Lester Primus; Bryan Lewis; Jose Velez Otero; Carlos Castillo.

Meeting was called to order at 12:05PM

I. Chair Administrative Matters/Updates
   a. Bryan was assigned as the minute taker.

   b. Educational Assistant
      1. An update was given regarding the status of hiring an educational assistant.
      2. Thus far the committee has received three applications, one of which was from a Latino male.

   c. Core Team Meeting Update
      1. Jose represented the committee at the last Core Team meeting. He highlighted many of the Black and Latino Resource Center Committee’s accomplishments.
      2. In addition, Carlos provided information about the committee’s accomplishments for an upcoming article.

   d. ATD Conference (New Mexico)
      1. Dwayne Brewington will be attending an ATD Conference in New Mexico on 1/21-1/24.
      2. Dwayne Brewington is also finishing his work on a formalized strategic plan for the Black and Latino Men’s Resource Center. Upon completion the plan will be distributed to other members of the committee.

   e. Fall 2006 Data
      1. Data was reviewed showing that 60% of Black and Latino males passed their classes for the fall 06 semester.
      2. Additional research will be conducted to determine patterns and commonalities among both those students who were successful and unsatisfactory. Ex. High school attended, income levels, money, and town.
II. Latino Session
   a. Dean Arrington recommended that the committee host a Latino Session in the beginning of February.
   b. The emphasis of the session should be to gain feedback from Latino males on what we can do to help them succeed.
   c. All thoughts and recommendations regarding the session should be emailed to Dean Primus.
   d. Jose recommended that we provide those students who attend the Latino Session with a survey.

III. Annual Black and Latino Male Conference Update
   a. Jose has emailed members of the Men of Congress to get an update on the planning of the conference but has not received a response.
   b. A special meeting will be held on 1/18/07 and members of the Congress Men of Color will be invited to speed up the planning of the event.

IV. Next Meeting – January 18, 2007 12:00PM – 1:00PM, 2nd floor Dean’s Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM