



Associated Student Government
Saddleback College
Diversity Student Council
November 4, 2011
2:00-3:00 PM
SSC 211

Call to Order at 2:04 PM

Roll Call

Paris Ghassemian*
Joseph Hassine
Nick Martinez
Ariana Rosal (*late 2:08 PM*)*
Karla Hernandez*
Asal Bahrami
Andraya Quesada
Camellia Mazhar
Shireen
Kathy Young

Approval of the Minutes

N/A

Public Comments

N/A

Officer Reports

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

1. Diversity Student Council Vision (Information)
 - a. Camellia: DSC stands for Diversity Student Council. Our goal is to promote diversity on campus.
 - b. Paris: We will be handling various issues involving diversity. For example, the mascot issue.
 - c. Erin: Adding onto the mascot issue; if one person finds it offensive, we should not have the presence on our campus at all, especially being a higher education institution. We want to be fair and inclusive of the whole student body. We do not want to depict anything that is demeaning.
2. Semiotics Presentation (Information/Discussion)
 - a. Will be tabled for the next meeting
3. Mascot (Information/Discussion)
 - a. Paris: The Gaucho is technically supposed to be an Argentinean cowboy. Many people feel the mascot does not accurately depict an Argentinean cowboy.
 - b. Erin: the mascot looks similar to Frito Bandito, which is the chips mascot.
 - c. Karla: I don't think it's that big of an issue. My family is Argentinean and we do not find the mascot offensive. The mascot has been here for a while and it has never been up for debate until recently.
 - d. Nick: In what way do our students find it offensive? We should expand our surveys passed the BGS area.
 - e. Ariana: I was thinking about including a mascot question on my survey and exposing it to students of ethnic and language studies or international students.
 - f. Paris: I'll come up with a uniform survey to distribute to everyone's classes.
 - g. Kathy: Is there a way to put the survey on MySite to force students to answer it?
 - i. Erin: you may want to talk to Brandon since he is on the marketing committee.
 - h. Asal/Karla/Arian: We could publicize the issue through marquees, newspaper, and flyers
 - i. Paris: As of right now, we want to focus on the surveys to identify the issues of the gaucho
4. Student Mascot Drawing Competition (Information/Discussion)
 - a. Paris: We could ask students to draw their depiction of a gaucho in a competition.
 - b. Nick: What are the hurdles?
 - i. The Athletics department would be most affected
 - c. Erin: A few years ago, the chair of DSC passed a resolution throughout ASG, Academic Senate, and Consultation Council. They did not specify what they wanted change, but they wanted it to change.
 - d. Asal: Publicity Committee could help get the word out.
 - e. Erin: DSC has a budget if needed.
5. James B. Utt Library (Information/Discussion)
 - a. Paris: We are currently under construction of a new library. The school has decided to keep the name of the library as James B. Utt. The issue arises as Utt had voted against voting rights acts and civil rights acts.

- b. Joseph: Student had suggested changing the name of the library because it does not represent what Saddleback stands for. According to President Burnett, the Board of Trustees is against changing it. At least a few members on the board will be against it.
- c. Paris: After we survey, and a majority of students find the library name offensive... what would the next step be? To draft a resolution?

Debriefing

- Paris: I will email out survey to everyone. Our next meeting will be on the 18th; please bring back your surveys.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM