

## DPAC Draft Minutes

April 17<sup>th</sup> 2007

Present: Llyn Smith, Saeed Mortazavi, Patty Yancey, Jyoti Rawal, Adrienne Colegrove - Raymond

We need a whole group gathering to end the semester. Perhaps keeping it at this time (10 AM) would be best so we can make sure all the chairs can make it.

We need to talk about the proposal that the Training Staff and Faculty task force is working in for the faculty day and about DPAC being included in the new faculty orientation.

Can we also invite Tammy Curtis to talk about the compliance piece of HR? Jyoti will call her and find out if she can be at the next meeting.

Perhaps inviting the WASC theme 2 folks would be appropriate; we need to have a chance to look at the report and give feedback. There was some question as to “who” really writes the final draft of that report. As far as we know, the Theme 2 team writes it and it is forwarded as is. This could be a question for Sue or Sondra. Also, the report should be sent out to DPAC members ahead of time so we can come prepared. Jyoti will contact Sue to see if we can send out an attachment. Some statistic on changes in the numbers of faculty, staff and students of color would be helpful as well.

Patty brought the draft of the letter the Curriculum Transformation Task Force has been working on in support of NAS, ES, and WS programs in the midst of budget decisions. There was discussion about whether or not naming actual classes was appropriate as it means we are saying that some courses qualify as “social justice” classes and others don’t. We do not want to pit courses against each other. Maybe the wording could be generalized to include all courses that cover diversity and social justice. However, would this not dilute our stand in support of these programs? The task force, however, should revise and send the letter out before the budget is announced.

It was also expressed that there is a sense that DPAC is not really doing anything. Maybe the meeting minutes of other task forces should be sent out – this would make the process transparent. This means that chairs need to send all meeting notes to the Co-chairs – something that was agreed upon but is not happening. Also, many task forces are just not meeting and not following through with the goals they had set. How can we help task forces be more pro-active?