

Diversity Education Project

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Minutes

Planning Group Meeting

January 30, 2008, 10:30am

Participants Jenny Bolander, Susan Breck, Tammy Burt, Ralph Cordova, David DeWeese, Gretchen Fricke, Nicole Klein, Barbara O'Donnell, Laurie Puchner, Zsuzsanna Szabo

1. Announcements: Barbara provided an update regarding the Inquiry Conference. Nicole provided an update on the SOE Ad Hoc diversity committee's work.
2. Minutes from November 27, 2007: approved with one minor revision
3. Updates on this year's events:
 - Zsuzsanna reminded the group about the Linguistic diversity sessions
 - Laurie reported that Peter Theodore and Elizabeth Sherwood were still planning a session on sexuality and early childhood education. It was suggested that such a session might be good for the Inquiry Conference.
4. Laurie circulated a draft Mission Statement for DEP. Revisions were made – see attached.
5. A logo is needed for the website. Ralph said he would ask his partner to help with this. We had a brief discussion of the basic design.
6. Ralph updated the group on the Piasa Bluffs Writing Project. This new SIUE National Writing Project branch will officially be in operation beginning in February. The goal of the PBWP is to bring a Highly Qualified Teacher of Writing within reach of all students in the area. There will be an Invitational Summer Institute at SIUE this summer. Ralph will send invitational materials to the DEP planning committee so that we can distribute them to teachers who might be interested.
7. Our next meeting will be a Wednesday in February at 10am. Laurie will provide the exact date later.

Minutes submitted by Laurie Puchner, January 30, 2008

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Diversity Education Project (DEP) evolved from an emerging commitment on the part of SIUE's School of Education to bringing diversity education to the forefront. The goal of the Project is to support access and success for diverse P-20 learners by providing and promoting diversity education for teacher educators. In order to carry out its goal, the DEP organizes and coordinates diversity education activities. It also creates and develops linkages with other groups and institutions in order to foster the growth of diversity understandings among educators and learners.