Amarillo College Community Link

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

September 13, 2010

In Attendance: Mary Jane Nelson, Charles Mestas, Bob Austin, Becky Lopez, Anita Perez, Gabriel Cardiel, Debra McCartt, Phyllis Cook, JoAnn Cruz-Perez, Santos Tenorio, Antonio Renteria, Myrna Raffkind, Art Rodriguez, Sergio Velasquez, Maury Roman, Danette Fenstermaker

Guest: Dr. Russell D Lowery-Hart

1. Maury opened the floor with the introduction of our guest, Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart. Dr. Hart gave a brief description of himself. He thanked Maury and Community Link for the hard work in the community.
2. The minutes were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Debra McCartt and seconded by Jo-Ann Cruz. Minutes were approved.
3. Maury presented the committee with the enrollment report. A summary of agencies partnering with Community Link was presented. The list included businesses, non-profit organizations and AISD. Enrollment numbers for fall 2010 were reviewed. 361 students applied for fall 2010 semester, of those 191 (52.9%) registered for classes. A plan to contact the students that did not enroll is already underway.
4. Maury present information about Operation Education. Operation Education is a recruitment event to encourage student enrollment. The program brought more than 100 participants, and more than 20 prospective students completed applications for admissions and financial aid. It was a collaborative effort that included the assistance of College Relations, ITT Division, Advising and Counseling and the Financial Aid Department. Additionally, several business partners contributed with advertising, promotions and the hamburger cook-out, including the Eagle, Tejano FM, La Mejor, FM 90, Tyson and Amigos United.
5. Maury presented the program information. 55 students are registered for GED classes -1st quarter and 52 in Conversational English for the Workplace. A big thank you was given to Phyllis Cook of Panhandle Community Services for the financial assistance provided to AC and Community Link students, which resulted in $20,000 dollars in scholarships for GED and ESL Students at Community Link.
6. Maury announced a new partnership with the Office Technology program. A Computer Fundamental Class will be offered this fall 2010. The class is designed to assist students with the use of MS Office programs, WebAdvisor and the Internet for distance education purposes.
7. “Paying for College” was announced. Assistance with promoting and recruiting for this financial aid workshop was requested.
8. Meeting adjourned.