

Amarillo College Community Link
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
December 9, 2013

In Attendance: Bob Austin, April Sessler, Jordan Herrera, Gregori Brown, JoAnn Cruz-Perez, Becky Lopez, Rosemary Gray, Josie Vongkhamphra, Myrna Raffkind, Charles Mestas, Anita Perez, Ann Hill, Melanie Watson, Kay Acton, Linda Morgan, Olivia Castro, Maury Roman, Danette Fenstermaker, Sayra Maldonado and Aida Aldape.

- I. Maury called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Bob Austin thanked everyone on behalf of Amarillo College for their time and support.
- II. The minutes were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by JoAnn Cruz-Perez, and seconded by Becky Lopez. Minutes were approved.
- III. Program Update:
 - Spring 2014 semester: 47 students have registered out of 154 applicants. More than 48% of these students are 25 years of age and older; in addition, more than 60% of the students have identified themselves of Hispanic/Latino origin; 28% Caucasian; 6.38 % African-American; and 4.25% Asian. Also, the majority of the students that are being recruited are from the 79107 zip code area and selecting majors in: General Studies, Nursing, Business, Automotive Technology, Welding Technology and Criminal Justice.
 - Outreach/Recruitment Activities:
 - Sayra reported on recruitment activities including a new recruitment source, Women and Children's SE location. Students are being assisted with financial aid and the admission process.
 - Maury stated that in addition to the regular recruitment opportunities, the following activities were attended: the Education Fair at the City of Amarillo, the Veterans Education Fair, Speaking of Women's Health Conference and Opportunity Conference.
 - Continuing Education classes:
 - Linda Morgan spoke briefly about the GED classes and the ESL Intermediate level classes. She stated that students are anxious to get their GED since the test is changing in January 2014. In the ESL classes, she has a diverse population of students; she is very pleased with the progress that the students have made throughout the semester.
 - Maury commented it was a great semester for ESL. The students went to the main campus to take a placement test, and they toured the ESL classrooms and the Student Assistance Center. Many of the students are very interested in furthering their education with more advanced ESL classes.
 - Olivia stated that her evening ESL class progressed very well, and she has several students that are professionals in their country of origin.
 - Danette reported that the GED program at Community Link began in 2005, and approximately, 650 students have earned their GED since 2005. The 2014 new GED version will bring new challenges which Community Link is ready to embrace. The test is offered online, and students receive the results immediately.
- IV. Maury introduced guest speaker, Dr. Rosemary Gray, from West Texas A&M University:
 - Dr. Gray provided significant and valuable information regarding the value of faculty diversity in our classrooms.
- V. Meeting adjourned.