

**Danville Area Community College**  
**Access, Equity, and Diversity Advisory Committee**  
**November 13, 2018**  
**12:00 p.m., Vermilion Hall 306**

The Access, Equity, and Diversity Advisory Committee met in Vermilion Hall 306 on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.

Those present were: Dr. Stephen Nacco, Kerri Thurman, Linda Bolton, Dr. David Fields, Bob Mattson, Carla Boyd, Emily Klein, Sandra Finch, Rev. Thomas Miller, and Gina Davis.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Carla Boyd welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everyone introduced themselves.

**COLLEGE REPORT**

Dr. Nacco shared the October 2018 *DACC Flash* with the group and highlighted activities on campus that have taken place. Dr. Nacco also updated the group about our upcoming HLC visit in March and informed the group the College has submitted the Quality Initiative for the DACC Re-Accreditation.

**UPDATES**

Bob Mattson gave an update on enrollment. Mr. Mattson stated that for the past 15 years district high school enrollment has been flat and since 2015, school enrollment has declined. Dr. Nacco stated the decline in enrollment has been statewide with only 8 out of 45 community colleges showing an increase in enrollment. DACC experienced an increase of 5.4% (which puts the College third in the state) as a result of several initiatives including Bonus Classes, 3+1 programs, more classes being offered on-line, increasing the number of waivers, and dual credit. DACC's survival depends on enrollment; therefore, it is important to investigate all ideas to increase enrollment. It was suggested that the College continue to advertise to promote that the College is a "Leader in Student Success".

Ms. Boyd shared that the Black Minds Matter Courses continue on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. and has experienced a good turnout. She also noted that she has been providing diversity training in the community. Carla is also looking for guest speakers for a discussion panel that is planned during Black History Month.

**ROUNDTABLE**

- Carla encouraged everyone to review the Black Minds Matter videos.
- There was a discussion regarding the lack of diversity in the police department and that applicants need 30 college credit hours in order to be considered.
- Dr. Fields suggested that local clergy be invited to the Access, Equity and Diversity meeting and that they be invited to a breakfast so that the information reviewed can be shared with their congregations.
- Ms. Finch suggested the college research the possibility of creating a "College for Boys" that would focused on K-12 African Americans young males.

- Reverend Miller expressed appreciation for the vocational programs available and for the M-SWIFT program.

**FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in Laura Lee.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Minutes as recorded by Gina Davis