## Boston College William F. Connell School of Nursing Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2010 Time: 1p-3p

Place: Cabaret Room, Vanderslice Hall

## Participants:

DAB members external to Boston College:

- < Linda Battle\*, DNP, PHCNS-BC, Director of Nursing Education, Career Centers of Texas, Fort Worth
- < Eva Gomez\*, RN, MSN, Staff Development Specialist, Children's Hospital Boston
- Rolando Perea, RN, MSN, CS, Clinical Director, Fatima Emergency Department, Providence, RI, and Executive Officer, Philippine Nurses Association of New England
- Deborah Washington, RN, MSN, Director, Diversity Patient Care Services, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
- Angelleen Peters-Lewis\*, RN, PhD, Director, Women's and Newborn Nursing and Clinical Services, Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Norma Martinez Rogers\*, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor/Clinical, University of Texas
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Susan volunteered to bring Norma

Susan suggested working with partners, e.g., "Boston Council on Ethnic Minority Nurse Leadership." This group does not currently exist...but why not?

Other goals: increase diversity in grad student enrollments.

6. Update on Visiting Scholar status for DAB members: letter not received by R. Perea. Susan will follow up.

7. Update on Nursing Workforce Diversity grant ("KILN: Keys to Inclusive Leadership in Nursing") – Cathy Read

- Recruitment video discussed at April 2010 meeting has been on hold but will be a focus in the coming months
- 35 students are enrolled in KILN this year. Focus is on leadership development and (for juniors and seniors) community health.
- We are working on ways to sustain and enhance the efforts of this grant. The Helene Fuld Foundation has been approached and may be able to provide scholarship or other assistance.
- Summer immersion program for 15 incoming freshmen was a big success. Many thanks to Angela, Rollie, Eva, and Deb W.
- High school recruitment: We have a new coordinator this year, Tricia Gordon (CSON grad and current master's student)
- NU301- Culture and Health-taught by Susan Gennaro and Rosanna Demarco. Open to all students at BC and is going well this fall

8. Pre-

societies, professional organizations, or mentoring opportunities, the students discussed policies, procedures, and processes on how to develop strategies in this regard. The aspects of this seminar, along with LASSI ,would , in my opinion, well serve our international students population also. As not only are these students faced with the obstacles of being in a foreign land but also the pressures and demands of a foreign professional and educational system.

9. Diversity recruitment – students and faculty: general discussion

Ways to increase inclusiveness along racial/ethnic/gender /SES lines. Male recruitment: ?Target military...GI bill. Involve marketing dept. Use students we have now in recruitment efforts. Students need to feel that they can come to faculty with problems, issues, what to do in academic crisis.

10. Announcements and open discussion

Idea of online meeting in Feb. webinar/call in with Norma et al?

CSON will discuss feasibility of summit for 2011-2012 that includes minority nursing organizations, community partners, students, and faculty.

11. Next meeting: Friday, April 8, 2011, 12-1p (lunch), meeting 1p-3p, Cushing 411/412

12. Adjournment at 3p

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Read