Minority, Recruitment and Retention Task Force

Minutes

March 16, 2023

Members present: Dane Dillion, Pat Johnson, Shana Sartain, Raul Blasini, President Eggensperger, Jason Smith; chairman, Alex Avery was present to record minutes.

Meeting began at 2:00pm

Pat shared that she and a few other community members have discussed having a brunch in order to celebrate Women’s History Month which is in March, the brunch might not be able to happen in the month of March but still in the process of planning one.

Dr. Eggensperger and Jason stated how appreciative they were of Raul and Pat meeting with the HLC mock visit team. The upcoming HLC visit will be held on April 3rd and 4th, the agenda has not been released yet but as soon as it is he will share that with Raul and Pat.

Pat stated that BRTC has come along way in their community involvement within the last five years, but there is always room for improvement.

Pat mentioned that she would like to see more diversity in the Rivers Edge, Jason stated that he would share that information with the Office of Institutional Advancement

Jason shared that BRTC will be hosting a Marshallese preview day on April 10th, Allison Swann, Pocahontas High School Career Coach, will be bringing students to tour the campus and inform students that there is special finical aid to Marshallese students. Raul and Shana suggested that a follow up letter be sent out to parents of those students sharing that same information, the letter could translate into Ebon (Marshallese language). It was also suggested that the preview day could branch out to other school districts.

Pat stated that she will be reaching out to another contact that she has in the Marshallese community to invite them to the meetings.

Jason suggested that every other meeting could be held after hours in order for those members that are working during the day would have the opportunity to attend.

Jason stated that on the next meetings agenda he would like to have and discuss the data of diversity students in the local school district.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm