





Dr. Rodriguez commended the work Senate has done.

Cheryl also shared an email from ASCCC asking the local senates to do a survey on diversity, equity and inclusion activities that are taking place on campus. ASCCC is looking to put together a team to get assistance on working on the survey. We have identified the Presidential Task Force, Senate, and other areas like the EEO, finding those groups that address diversity and equity and hopefully have members from these groups participate in this survey.

Dr. Rodriguez gave a presentation on Middle College High School and proposed we bring it to Hartnell College. We have started a conversation with SUHSD to see if they are interested, we are in the process of exploring this option. The space that nursing will vacate in Merrill Hall has been identified as a possible space for this program. Having a program like this would improve our FTES and data, it is a win/win because the high school gets ADA and we get FTES from the students that take our classes. It will help with enrollment; as well as, removing some obstacles for students.

Discussion occurred within the council members, space for the program was a concern for some as there are many programs that are constantly looking for space. Although we want to help students, we wouldn't want to sacrifice space and divert resources for the students that are already here. Dr. Rodriguez mentioned is that we have low ratios for our facilities, which impacts our future funding, because it shows that we do not need any more space, having a program like this will help with this.

Members of the council suggested developing a committee to look at the feasibility of a program like this on our campus.

Cheryl brought up the issue of mental health which has heightened due to COVID. She invited Carol Kimbrough to share how Crisis Counseling been impacted. Carol went on to share how mental health is considered the second pandemic. A lot more depression, anxiety, and suicide cases are being reported. Crisis Counseling has five psychologists readily available and bilingual. Students receive a response within a few hours of initial contact.

Jane (Student Body President) asked if student ambassadors could be trained as many students find it hard to seek crisis counseling and would feel more comfortable speaking with a peer. She also asked for any type of communication that discusses mental health and free resources, so that students know that Hartnell stands behind them.

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March 3, 2021

March 17, 2021

April 7, 2021