

Civic Participation Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

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Welcome & Introductions

Linda Rosenthal and Steve Helfgot began the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group. Review of the minutes of the last meeting noted changes needed to the Institute of Cultural Affairs notes. Changes were made and re-issued to the CCP website. Remainder of the minutes was accepted.

Great Moments in Democracy – Supreme Court Nominations **Group Discussion**

Chandler Gilbert CC will have an Arizona Supreme Court Judge discuss national Supreme Court process on campus. When the moderate candidate, Meiers, stepped down, it was noted that the interest groups actually stopped the nomination. One issue discussed was that the candidates for the Court do not have to answer all the questions put to them. The media seems to judge the candidates by the judge that vacated the seat. It was noted that it is frustrating when the public doesn't understand how the Supreme Court selection process will affect them. It feels like the judicial process isn't allowed to take place. The candidates don't seem to be qualified and more diversity needs to be considered.

Update on Election Process **Proposition 200 requirements **Tammy Patrick****

New registration forms are now available. Almost 80% of the new registrations have been rejected after new Prop 200 rules were in place. When a new citizen is naturalized, there is no link to the naturalization process, so it is difficult to tell if the voter is a citizen or not. At the polls, you will need to prove identity not citizenship. A handout stated that from List #1, one option with a photo ID is acceptable, such as a driver's license. From List #2, the voter needs to have two articles of identification, such as bank or credit union statement within 90 days of the election and a utility bill bearing the voter's name, also within 90 days. A provisional ballot can be cast with no identification but the voter must go to a provisional location after the election and show proper identification for their ballot to count. It is expected that there will be 100,000 provisional ballots in the next major election. Students can work the polls as long as they are eighteen and a registered voter.

SPPF and AZ Town Hall report Chad Douwstra

The new SPPF student orientation was held on October 14. There is a good mix of students represented. New to the program this year are openings for speakers at luncheons. On October 28, the program discussed how a bill becomes a law with Laura Knaperak and Art Harding as speakers. The next session will be at the AZ Capitol with speakers and a lobbyist panel. The SPPF'rs are now working on letters to the Editor as part of the program.

The AZ Town Hall had five tremendous students take part in the event. They all represented the District very well. They had an opportunity for a photo op with the Governor.

Voter Outreach Alberto Olivas

The CCP website is upgraded and looks great. There are many new links to peruse. There is a link to the secretary of State on the Propositions and Ballot initiatives. New Voter regulations training was held at SCC and GWCC. Alberto is willing to go to any campus to discuss Voter Registration. The idea was put in front of the group to create a simple flyer to inform students and faculty of what it takes now to be voter eligible.

Update on Election Related Activities Pete Kushibab

Handouts were distributed. First there was a discussion on how to use District resources for election activities. In the past, the East Valley Tribune asked for District emails which were provide in 3 loose-leaf binders. The charge was that Maricopa Colleges employees were using District resources to influence the outcome of elections. The District search found less evidence than the Tribune charged. An independent assessor looked at if there was sufficient political activity to warrant examination. The assessor was a retired judge who had carte blanche access of the District public record. For 1 1/2 months, the emails were reviewed. The conclusion was that there was no pattern of deliberate violations. Nothing significant. The Tribune received the Assessor report. The report also went to Mesa elected officials and the mesa City attorney. Recommendations were made. It was suggested that if there is going to be political activity in the District, everyone should keep a log of their emails. The legislature made recent changes to the law, adding enforcement provisions and offenders can be fined up to \$500.

Question – Is an internship okay?

Answer – the intern position is not meant to influence the outcome of an election.

Question – what if the intern is for an election?

Answer – students are freer than staff on this issue. It has to do with free speech. There is a problem if there is a posting of signs. That is using the resources of the college – walls, kiosks, etc, that it is posted on.

The AZ Attorney General has driven guidelines for school districts.

Community Partners Updates

Leadership Centre

The centre is holding a class on budgets and finances for incorporated neighborhoods.

AZ Secretary of State

The group was invited to go through the Secretary of State's website. Next meeting will be a brief on the Secretary of State's office activities.

Institute of Cultural Affairs

The Institute is working with 21 neighborhood partnerships. Nine communities are involved in statewide activities.

Make A Difference

Handouts were distributed. MAD has a partnership with the Red Cross to train 1000 people for Disaster prep. On the First Fridays art walk, MAD handed out flyers on their activities. On November 12, 20 projects will be happening downtown with over 400 volunteers. There is a service Day in January and MAD is looking for students to help. Recruiting for the 2006 Americorps is happening now. They are also rolling out the Americorps Alumni Association. They are offering classes on networking and job shadowing, etc.

Campus Updates

Mesa CC

An Adopt-A-Family is starting for the holidays. This has turned into a very larger program.

Chandler – Gilbert CC

On November 16th, Chief Justice Macgregor of the AZ Supreme Court was on campus. On October 21-22 450 students did 1500 hours of volunteer work for the *Into the Streets* program. On November 9, there will be a charity basketball game to raise funds for the Katrina relief programs. On November 17, 150 students are expected for the Hunger Banquet. The college sent a team to the Social Justice Workshop held in Tennessee.

Estrella Mountain CC

Students are working with Luke Air base to gather clothing items, toiletries, etc. to ship to soldiers in Iraq. On November 18, there will be a food drive for the Westside families in need.

Phoenix College

On October 24, UN Day, Goddard and Linda Rosenthal were at the festivities at Wesley Bolin Plaza. On November 2, there will be a discussion on election reform.

Rio Salado

Several students and staff participated in the Susan Komen race for the Cure. PTK raised \$625 in the race. KJZZ held a Here and Now program. In December, there will be a 5K Walk as One in conjunction with the NCCJ.

Glendale

On November 10 Veteran's day ceremony will be held at the flagpole with the veterans on campus and invited vets. On October 19, a *Think AZ* workshop and panel discussed immigration with videos on Immigration and Voter issues. There were 500 in attendance. The AntiDefamation league was on campus showing the film, "Who's Honor?". The film dealt with mascots and their effect on communities.. This program might be held at other campuses.

Paradise Valley

The Americorps Proposition was submitted on October 28 for Phase 1. There were 100 campus representatives in the annual Race for the Cure. The Campus Adopt-A-Family gave sneakers to the kids in the Palimino area. SPPF students helped with a forum on the Dream Act.

Scottsdale

Handouts were distributed. On November 9,PTK will hold a voter registration drive. On November 16, SCC will be 35 years old. There will be festivities from 10-3 p.m. with the Mayor in attendance. On November 21, there will be a food drive for the Salt River Pima community. The campus *Into the Streets* program will benefit Sunshine acres.

Director's Update

The center will host a ranger of AZ issues forums in the future. There are forums on the Phx Bond elections, forums on non-profits in the AZ public, and forums on ballot initiatives. The Center will partner with ABEC, the Governor's office of Tourism and the Kettering Foundation on these forums. The center is working with Paul Roddy on a Kids Voting curriculum for kids, specifically high school.

Plus / Delta

Next meeting on April 17, 2006 . Location TBA.