President’s Fall Retreat  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Table Topic 7  
Closing Achievement Gaps & Increasing Diversity  
Facilitators: Barbara Carson, Henry Morris

Below is a summary of comments made at our Table on Diversity, at the President's Retreat

Attendees: 12

I. Create Support for Diversity in Greater Mankato Area  
   a. Find opportunities to support already existing activities  
   b. Find new ways to help educate our community to make it welcoming of all individuals  
   c. Continue working with local junior and senior high schools encouraging all in our community to attend college.

II. Create an Environment on campus that promotes support for diversity  
   a. Consider having a separate orientation for Parents of diverse students (e.g. address issues of safety & support)  
   b. Create stronger ties between the students' home environment and campus  
   c. Educate faculty and staff about being role models for supporting diverse educational activities on campus  
   d. Educate faculty, staff, and students (especially teacher prep programs) on how to respond to conflict over diversity.  
   e. Engage in cultural mapping on campus

III. Assisting our students  
   a. Create a remedial reading program for our students who are not prepared for college work.  
   b. Expand assistance given to students who are hungry and students who are working to send money home to their families.