

RUDOLF STEINER COLLEGE

PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURALISM

Membership appointed by Gayle Davis

William Bento, Chair

William is Associate Academic Dean at RSC. He grew up in the 50's & 60's as a mixed race individual in New England when the issues of race (particularly black & white) were hot topics. He found himself a constant mediator to racial & ethnic conflicts in high school and college. During his student years at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology he was asked by faculty to facilitate workshops to orient students to the issues of diversity. He conducted four such workshops. As a clinical psychologist William meets a diverse population and often deals with issues of cultural differences.

Dale Hamad

Dale is Principal of the Folsom Crescent School and Supervisor of Academic Instruction at the California State Prison, Sacramento. She is an adjunct faculty member for the Los Rios Community College District where she teaches courses on diversity. At the Greystone Adult School she developed a year long, multi-cultural curriculum for ABE(Adult Basic Education) students based on the state framework. She added to this a variety of original and black line master material that was based on learning the culture, history, math and science of six different culture groups.

Rod King

Rod is an African American activist who has worked with developmentally disabled, disenfranchised youth of all color, and has a high profile in downtown Sacramento civic activities. He is interested in raising awareness of education, the arts, and political issues affecting the community. He is helpful in public relations, building bridges to the life of the greater Sacramento area and its diverse population.

Ronald Koetzsch

Ronald, Dean of Students at RSC, attended public junior and senior high schools where he was virtually the only second-generation German-American Lutheran among about 1000 Jewish students. He holds a Ph.D. in History of Religions with a concentration in Japanese Religion from Harvard University. When there, he was a student and resident at the Center for the Study of World Religions. Classmates included Eastern Indians, Israelis, Germans, Pakistanis, Iranians, Sri Lankans, Lebanese, Japanese and others. He was a research assistant in Japanese Culture and Religion at Kyoto National University in Japan, where half of the enrollment were foreign students from Nepal, New Zealand, India, Greece, and many other countries. He taught in the Department of Religion at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, and for eight years in the Japanese Program at RSC, where he continues his involvement with Asian students through ESL classes.

From 1972 – 1991, he was senior writer and columnist for the East West Journal, a Boston-based national magazine focusing on cultural alternatives.

Laura Carina Toselli – Student

Mathais Giles – Student/Staff?