



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2022**

Committee Members						
x	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	x	Bill Lambert		Sgt. Brian Owen	Kaitlyn Yrineo
x	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair (fac)	x	Renu Katoch	x	Karelyn Hoover	
	Christina Cammayo (fac)	x	Shelly Laddusaw	x	Julia Walker	Jeze Lopez (guest)
	Thuy Pham (fac)	x	Rosie Esparza		Diana Giannone (Community)	x Brenda Ricarte (guest)
x	Rigo Estrada	x	George Rodriguez	x	Carlos Romero (Student)	x Delilia Grubaugh (guest)
x	Barbara Carrillo		Ken McAlpin		An Ha (Student)	

I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement (3 min)

We will begin this meeting with a Land Acknowledgement to recognize the native peoples whose land upon which Mt. SAC resides.

Mt. SAC is geographically situated on the traditional lands of the Tongva peoples. I ask you to join me in acknowledging their community, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. May we honor the land and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. Thank you.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes for April 4, 2022 (5 min) Did not meet on April 18th

III. Updates (15 minutes)

- Basic Needs Resources – Rigo and Basic Needs Resources Team; met with BSU regarding CFO partnerships. Hopefully, this summer there will be updates about this collaboration. Food pantry April visitation: over 1,300 participants. Tzu Chi donated additional food and beverage items. Rigo thanked Karelyn for informing faculty about Basic Needs Resources referral process for students in need. Capturing data - working with Kate Morales in IT on E-SARS so all data is stored in one place. Rigo reported on issues with EBT on campus, students are unable to use the EBT card because wrong card reader was ordered.
 - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates): Brenda reported that month of April had 48 applications. They did a weeklong event with financial aid and did pre-screening and tabling which contributed to the high application rate for April. Will table twice a week with Mountie Money Management Center over by 9G and 67A walkway on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 - 1.
 - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (volunteers for pantry): Since fall, support from In-Reach ambassadors, since re-opening, trying to open volunteer opportunities for professional staff to assist with future pantries for the month of May. Since there is an increase in students utilizing the pantry and more food has been ordered, more assistance is needed. If interested in helping, contact Rigo. Koji shared some of the responsibilities and experiences to expect when volunteering at the food pantry. Delilia asked about student volunteers and Rigo responded to her that at this moment we are only working with BNC. There is a capacity limit inside the food pantry that we want to adhere to.
 - Housing: have 10 students in the housing navigation program. Housing is being impacted by the current market. Partner, Jovenes goes beyond working with landlords to assist students with price of rentals.
 - Case management: no updates for case management.

IV. Presentation and Q&A (40 min)

- Basic Needs Legislative Updates – Rigo
- Basic Needs Resources Strategic Plan – Koji and Rigo

V. Discussion (25 min)

- National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week Brainstorming Part 1 – Pauline
 - November 12-20, 2022

VI. Good of the Order (2 min): Karelyn suggested having a statement or template on Basic Needs webpage so Faculty can cut and paste onto their syllabus.

VII. Next Meeting

- May 16, 2022 @1:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn