



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)
Minutes
October 16, 2023**

Committee Members							
x	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair		Marisa Fierro		Sgt. Brian Owen	x	Carla Tablas
	Cristina Springfield (fac)	x	Christina Kessler		Karelyn Hoover	x	Monica Arellano (G)
x	Christina Cammayo (fac)	x	Shelly Laddusaw	x	Xiaopan Xue	x	Vivian Hernandez (G)
	Alissa Duong (fac)		Rosie Esparza		Vacant (Community)	x	Lorena Cardozo (G)
x	Rigo Estrada	x	Candie Marin		Vacant (Student)		
x	Barbara Carrillo	x	Ken Bohan		Vacant (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. Introduction of New and Returning Members

III. Review and Approval of Minutes for September 18, 2023 (5 min)

IV. Updates (30 minutes)

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo):
 1. CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Vivian): Shared the CFO week flyer. Thrift and Thrive market, had over 390 students attended, has students consistently going through the resource fair. There were games for students to interact with. Rigo mentioned that 91 students have submitted CF applications since the start of the fall semester. Giong to shift strategy, start campaigns in EAB navigate.
 2. Mountie Fresh Food Pantry and Snack Rack (Rigo): operations back in 67A, had 718 students attended last week’s pantry. On Monday 325 students visited, this was the highest day. Tuesday, 279, Friday had 114 for last week. Students are happy that the pantry is back open in 67A.
 3. Housing (Rigo): as of today, there are 13 students placed in housing. The case manager at Jovenes will be leaving Jovenes.
 4. Case management (Rigo): Navigators continue to be busy; they are seeking professional development opportunities and will participate in the LEAD program with Student Life. They see about 30 students a week. Rigo and Lorena will visit Santa Ana College, see their approach, housing support and emergency grant program. El Centro is hosting a Dia de los Muertos celebration, Monica is assisting with organizing and supporting this event tied with Basic Needs. Acknowledging and honoring those that have passed that faced homelessness and basic needs insecurities.

V. Discussion (40 min)

- Basic Needs Committee Membership

- Community Member: Johnny from Sycamore was nominated by Rigo. Rigo will follow up with him about serving as the community member. Shelly recommended Scott Chamberline or reaching out to him to get recommendations. Also Shelly mentioned Leanne Knighton, Shelly and Rigo will talk about possible members.
- Co-Chair
- Basic Needs Committee 2023-24 Goals
- Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week 2023 (Lorena): Members: Rigo, Vivian, Xiaopan and Shelly, will have 3 events planned for the week. First is the open house of Basic Needs and resource fair on Monday this will be the kickoff. For the open house there will be a timeline poster of the program along with data and history of events, a staff wall to see all the staff members. Lorena will reach out to DPSS, Jovenes, Financial Aid, WIC, and other partners to participate in tabling at the resource fair. Looking at having appetizers and refreshments available for visitors. Then Tuesday what is cooking CF then allyship training on Friday. Allyship logo has been updated for the certificates. Having a hygiene drive during HHAW, will also have a social media campaign from 6-17th to promote the week before. Save the Date has been sent out and a video posted on social media.

VI. Good of the Order (2 min)

VII. Next Meeting

- November 20, 2023

VIII. Adjourn