



Basic Needs Committee (BNC)
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2021

Committee Members							
x	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	x	Marisa Fierro		Sgt. Brian Owen	x	Kaitlyn Yrineo
x	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair (fac)	x	Renu Katoch	x	Romelia Salinas	x	Kyrie Sanchinelli-Salazar (guest)
x	Christina Cammayo (fac)	x	Shelly Laddusaw	x	Julia Walker		Jeze Lopez (guest)
x	Thuy Pham (fac)		Rosie Esparza		Diana Giannone (Community)	x	Victor Riccardi (guest)
x	Rigo Estrada		Irene Martinez	x	Carlos Romero (Student)	x	Brenda Ricarte (guest)
x	Barbara Carrillo		Ken McAlpin	x	An Ha (Student)		

I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

We will begin this meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

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 September 20, 2021 (5 min)

III. Updates (20 minutes)

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo): Introduced new social worker, Kyrie Sanchinelli-Salazar
 - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): Brenda following up on applications. Students have been responding and getting approved for benefits. Finalizing quarter 4 report. Income benefits for CalFresh have changed from \$234 to \$255. This will stay in effect till September 30, 2022. Working with Shelly (Continuing Ed.) to hire CFO ambassadors to assist noncredit students. Created Mountie Fresh / CalFresh flyers.
 - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo): 750 students attended during the month of September. Did research and found 5 students who did not comply with the once-a-week guideline. Mountie Meals, Rigo shared a flyer. Professor Nava and Chef Hana wanted to create a program, to show and give students instructions on how to cook dishes once a month (like Blue Apron). Students will get a bag filled with the ingredients, there is a QR code on the bag and they can see via zoom the cooking demo. The meal bags are distributed on the 2nd week of food pantry, a list of student's names is given to the Basic Needs Program.
 - Housing (Rigo): continue to work with Jovenes, had 12 referrals. One student will be placed into Bridge housing and start their stay tomorrow. The goal is by next week to have 2 additional students housed. Bridge housing is in Covina. Has some students facing challenges with their housing situation, so Rigo has been reaching out to Sycamore for additional assistance for these students.
 - Case management (Rigo): Kyrie has already had in person engagement with students.

IV. Presentation and Q&A (15 min)

- Future plans: Pauline, asking who we would like to hear from, have as guest speakers and learn about their programs. Rigo mentioned having someone in athletics to learn about our student athletes. Language departments to strengthen our relationship with our ESL learners. Also, hearing from ACCESS to learn about their student population and health services (Dr. Seth Myers). Hearing from faculty, including Michelle Nava and Chef Hana to hear about their program.

V. Discussion (45 min)

- BNC Goals for 2021-22 for Committee Goals and Progress Report

VI. Good of the Order (2 min): Shelly and Renu mentioned offering students Café 91 gift cards, so students can get a healthy, full course meal and experience of fine dining.

VII. Next Meeting

- October 18, 2021 @1:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn