



Basic Needs Committee (BNC) Meeting Minutes

October 18, 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	Christina Cammayo (fac)	x	Shelly Laddusaw	x	Julia Walker	x	Jeze Lopez (guest)
	Thuy Pham (fac)		Rosie Esparza		Diana Giannone (Community)	x	Victor Riccardi (guest)
x	Rigo Estrada		Irene Martinez	x	Carlos Romero (Student)		Brenda Ricarte (guest)
x	Barbara Carrillo	x	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 October 4, 2021 (5 min)

III. Updates (30 minutes)

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo):
 - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): CalFresh is moving smoothly, encouraging students to apply. In the month of October have had 30 applications submitted, as of today. Improved engagement with county liaisons with San Bernardino County in getting advocacy and support. Received our renewal. We get a portion of funds from the Feds for time and effort. First 3 years of our contract we received 64k a year that supported our CFO team and supplies and events. We have bumped up to 80k for CFO efforts.
 - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo): 780 students in September attend. During the first week of October had 580 students attend. Students are experiencing the pantry smoothly from check-in, time in store to checkout. In-Reach ambassadors will be assisting with checkout and providing information to students.
 - Housing (Rigo): Jovens has secured 2 apartment units. Will place 2 males in one apartment.
 - Case management (Rigo): Two social workers have been working and all is going well.
 - Basic Needs Resources Allyship Project (Rigo): this is an initiative similar to Dream program and Pride Center that addresses basic needs. Allows staff and faculty to feel more confident and comfortable talking to students about Basic Needs. First cohort, goal is to have this ready by December, but does not want to call it a training, this will be a hybrid model, will work with BNC to help committee members to become allies. This will include receiving swag and a logo to add to your signature. No other colleges are doing this. Long Beach State has an aggressive ideal to have a national model for an allyship. Koji shared a publication from the #Hope Center: https://hope4college.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ARC_ImpactPaper.pdf

- Director, Basic Needs Resources position (Koji): this position has officially been posted online. We are one of the few colleges that is offering this position, but as time passes and basic needs increase, we will see more colleges have these kinds of positions.

IV. Presentation and Q&A (0 min)

- No presentation: ESL (Maribel Gonzalez) is scheduled to present on 11/15/21.

V. Discussion (45 min)

- Meeting Schedule: will continue to meet twice a month
- California Nursing Student Association, Student Club, project inquiry: Prof. Orr of the Nursing Department and advisor to the CNSA (California Nursing Student Association) Club. She asked if her students can do a project for BNC such as creating personal item bags? Rigo mentioned that students needs differ so it would be hard to personalize these bags. We could pinpoint items that students need and want, which would be more beneficial. Knowing the quantity of items is important due to storage space limits in the pantry. Rigo also mentioned this professor contacted him about having her students volunteer at our food pantry.
- Finish Purpose, Function, and Goals: reviewed goal #6. Discussed the importance of keeping this goal, especially with accreditation approaching.

VI. Good of the Order (2 min):

- **#RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit: Getting Real About Basic Needs as a Fundamental Right on February 4 (via Zoom)**
 - <https://ccleague.org/event-calendar/realcollegecalifornia-basic-needs-summit-getting-real-about-basic-needs-fundamental#general-info->
- Rigo will be reaching out to BNC to meet and introduce their programs to the new social worker, Ms. Salazar, so she can get familiar with our programs.

VII. Next Meeting

- November 1, 2021 @1:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn