



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)  
Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2022**

Committee Members							
x	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	x	Bill Lambert	x	Sgt. Brian Owen	x	Kaitlyn Yrineo
x	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair (fac)	x	Renu Katoch		Karelyn Hoover		
x	Christina Cammayo (fac)	x	Shelly Laddusaw		Julia Walker		Jeze Lopez (guest)
	Thuy Pham (fac)		Rosie Esparza		Diana Giannone (Community)		Brenda Ricarte (guest)
x	Rigo Estrada	x	George Rodriguez	x	Carlos Romero (Student)		
x	Barbara Carrillo		Ken McAlpin	x	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 March 7, 2022 (5 min)**

**III. Updates (20 minutes)**

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo): introduced Lorena, visitor.
  - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): an additional 50 students have been assisted with CalFresh applications. Received recognition from Center for Healthy Communities for CFO and is going to showcase Rigo’s team.
  - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo): this week if food pantry week. The snack program starts this week, ASAC will be providing snacks. An, (student rep.) spoke on behalf of the activities senator, who suggested having a student that visit the food pantry bring a student that has never visited the pantry, so invite a friend. Rigo updated that his program is looking to employee bilingual students to assist and will provide more updates at the next meeting. Bill spoke to Brittney Rothchild that promotes Grocery Outlet; they would send an ice-cream truck to campus. Bill explained to her about the food pantry, Brittney felt that it may not be the right tone to have them during the food pantry, they were looking for more of a student activity. Bill suggested he could invite Brittney to the food pantry to see what the setup is. Rosie asked if there will be a list distributed on what locations on campus are a part of the snack program. There were conversations about having common space.
  - Housing (Rigo): 8 students are being housed, working with 18 students all together. Working with Rosie in Financial Aid in providing awareness for upcoming awareness week. Rigo has been working with Bill in Foundations on collaborating with Grocery Outlet.
  - Case management (Rigo): case management is going well.
- NEA Higher Education Conference Presentation Update: Koji provided updates on the conference NEA is one of the largest labor unions in the US and what he learned. The faculty are dealing with a lot of issues regarding free speech, safety for students, especially in the state of Florida, etc. Rigo and Koji were one of the few non-faculty in attendance. They had a 90-minute session for the

presentation. It was a pleasant experience; Mt. SAC received a shoutout during lunch from the NEA president. Rigo reported on how Mt. SAC staff and BNC play a vital role in the work that is being done.

**IV. Presentation and Q&A (20 min)**

- Mountie Meals – Professor Michelle Nava shared the background of the Mountie Meals program, targeting students who utilize the food pantry, highlighting the pantry, making it fun and taking the stigma of visiting the pantry. Provide a specific healthy recipe (kind of like a Blue Apron concept), the recipe is also shared on a google drive. Students receive cooking tools such as measuring cups, spoons, aprons, etc. A chef will host a cooking demo each month with the monthly recipe kit. An itemized shopping list is included. Target student are those in equity programs, students sign up using a QR code. A challenge has been getting help to put kits together, it was Michelle and another faculty and now it's just Michelle. Another challenge has been scheduling pick up times that allow students to pick them up, also Michelle is limited on space when putting kits together. She currently is using 9C and then must cart the kits over to the food pantry.

**V. Discussion (30 min)**

- BNC 2021-22 Goals (Pauline)
- Weaving Team for Accreditation
- Tzu Chi USA Compassion in Action Walkathon 2022 on 4/16 (let's assemble a Mt. SAC Team and get our steps in to support our partner!): <https://tzuchi.us/walkathon>

**VI. Good of the Order (2 min):**

**VII. Next Meeting**

- April 4, 2022 @1:00 p.m.

**VIII. Adjourn**