



Homelessness and Basic Resources Committee (HBRC)

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018

Attended: Koji Uesugi, Barbara Carrillo, Daisy Olivas, Kaitlyn Yrineo, Ken McAlpin, Loni Nguyen, Paul Miller, Renu Katoch, Shelly Laddusaw, Donna Vazquez

I. Call to Order & Welcome

II. Review & Approval of Minutes: October 1, 2018 minutes reviewed and approved.

III. Updates

- PTK: shared updates on toiletries drive, going well, deadline is 10/24. There is a need for towels.
On a separate note, when PTK met with Koji they got a list of local housing resources. Some PTK members visited those locations from the list. They wanted to see they were places where they would refer friends to. They said they were generally not very good. PTK shared they would create their own resource list since they had concerns of some of the places they contacted and visited. Koji asked PTK to share their response, feedback and a report from PTK to get the student's perspective. It would be a good idea to consolidate the information instead of having multiple resource lists. PTK would like to have an information booth on 11/1 to provide information and resources. Koji shared that voter registration and elections is going on right now, so suggested they could collaborate with A.S., since there are many big events coming up. They were recommended to reach out to A.S. Shelly shared about Laundry Love Pomona and she will post the information.
- Q: How does the College respond to people sleeping in their cars overnight on campus? Paul Miller said that as of right now, they cannot park overnight. Officers will give people information on resources. It is a safety issue. Shelly asked about local hotels, issuing vouchers. Paul mentioned that issues with that is responsibility and liability. What if we provide vouchers and the hotel room gets destroyed who is liable? There needs to be input from Risk Management.
- Koji shared that HBRC has been selected as one of Academic Senate's 10+1 Awardees. Recognition is at this week's senate meeting on 10/18 starting at 11:30 a.m. HBRC will receive a certificate for the work that we do. Faculty play a major role in recommending students and connecting them to resources, so it is good to see they value the work of the committee. Koji, Pauline, Donna, Renu & Shelly will be attending. Kaitlyn will try to attend.

- Tzu Chi Foundation Meeting: Organization based in San Dimas that has offices around the world. Met with Tzu Chi last week on possibilities of partnership. One of their activities is providing fresh food items and produce to communities in need. If we provided fresh items here, challenge with this is that students would have to carry these items all day. Also, storage is an issue for warm days and food going bad quickly on hot days.
- Higher Education & Homelessness Work Group Convening: Kaitlyn gave an update. Really good group of individuals from different campuses attended. Met a LGBTQ agency that provides legal clinics weekly, housing and shelter that ranges from month to month to 18 months. They also provide a closet for clothing options for students. Eager to connect with other colleges. Joveness provides housing services for homeless foster youth. They have peer navigators that are foster youth themselves, to help students navigate through college. Asking for local and state funding for their organization. Someone from UCLA uses Instagram Live, to show students how to apply for benefits. Safe Parking LA is a controlled safe lot where you can park and stay overnight. You fill out a waiver with your vehicle information and are allowed to park and sleep in your vehicle. Kaitlyn shared we are not the only campus who does not have a one specific place or person for HBRC. Many other campuses are having this issue with having a hub or go to place. Koji thanked Kaitlyn for attending. This work group meets once a month so we may want to consider hosting.
- Koji asked if we should have a Donation button on our webpage and have it linked to Foundations. HBRC agreed to add this link. Koji will work with Foundations on getting this set up.
- Real #Housing and Food Insecurity Conference - Koji shared that we can send members to the conference. It is an all-day conference. It is cheaper to send groups of five. Koji would like to send some faculty to this conference. Sara Goldrick-Rab created the hastag survey, #RealCollegeSarah, will be the keynote speaker. Koji asked who from HBRC would like to attend, Donna, Kaitlyn, Shelly, Renu said they would be interested. Loni suggested having sign up for conference through POD.

IV. Discussion

- October Food Pantry: 450 bags for daytime distribution and 150 for evening. Koji shared the kind of food that was distributed. Shelly shared that the Return table worked. Koji will ask Fran if possible, perhaps less cookies and snack items and more meal type of foods.
- Suggestions and Comments for next pantry: send next food pantry flyer out to HBRC. Koji asked how we distribute the toiletry kits that PTK will be providing at the next food pantry. Barbara suggested having a table with shower access cards attached to the kits, can give the kits to those who come to the table. Donna shared, water in building 3 is cold for showers. Ken will look into cold water issue. Shelly suggested

- placing the items out, grouping them and having people pick what they need. Paul shared limiting how many people can get, one item each.
- Koji asked, “Do we do an evening distribution? If so, we do not have the patio area. Would we set up a tent like A.S did for voter registration?” Consensus was yes, we should have an evening distribution. Need to look at getting donated items especially for bags. Trustee Chow commented on our work at the last board of trustees meeting.
 - National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (Nov. 10-18). Koji shared options and asked the committee on suggestions. One consideration is a film screening of “Storied Streets,” a documentary on homelessness.
 - 2018-19 Committee Objectives (tabled to future meeting)

V. Good of the Order

- None

VI. Next Meeting

- Monday, November 5 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. @ 9C-5

VII. Adjourn: 2:36 pm.