



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2020**

Committee Members							
X	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	X	Marisa Fierro	X	Sgt. Brian Owen	X	Kaitlyn Yrineo
E	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair	X	Renu Katoch	E	Romelia Salinas		
X	Christina Cammayo	X	Shelly Laddusaw	X	Julia Walker		Jeze Lopez (guest)
X	Rita Page	X	Rosie Esparza	X	Diana Giannone (Community)		Bill Lambert (guest)
X	Rigo Estrada		Irene Martinez	X	Courtney Darcy (Student)	X	Amelia Simek (guest)
X	Barbara Carrillo	X	Ken McAlpin	X	Shawal Bhalli (Student)	X	Brenda Ricarte (guest)

**I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement:**

- Suggestion to begin each meeting with a Land Acknowledgement statement. Popcorn around, each person can read the land acknowledgement. Shelly recommended stating the acknowledgement on the agenda. Committee agreed and supports starting each meeting with a land acknowledgement.

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes for October 5, 2020**

**III. Updates**

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo):
  - Rigo shared information from the LASHA meeting. Workgroup was launched in 2017, addressing homelessness in higher education. Rigo has provided LASHA information on our students. LASHA is working on 3 goals: shared applied goals, public advocacy goal and data driven approach goal. LASHA is creating subgroups to work on these goals. Rigo will be working on the first goal.
  - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda)
    - Continuing to provide support to students and have included the new URL link on the Basic Needs webpage that will help students check eligibility for CalFresh benefits. Rigo worked with Matt to make the link stand out and is personalized. Viewed the webpage and Rigo pointed out the resources: <https://www.mtsac.edu/basic-needs/index.html>
  - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry 2.0 (Rigo)
    - Next Drive-Thru Pantry @ Lot A on 10/21 from 10:00-1:00
    - Students can register and make their appointment for the food pantry. Registration is helpful in preparing and allows us to take note what other resources are needed.

- Currently there are 145 registered for this Wednesday's food pantry. The number of students not registering is the same as last time. There is a concern on the low number of registered students. Rigo will run a report on 3 populations. One population are students who are registering and not showing up. The second report will be people registering for the food pantry but are not currently registered in classes and the final report are on current students that do show up and check if there are other resources they may need.
  - Will investigate volunteer opportunities for BNC at future food pantries.
  - Brenda shared information on social media platforms. She has created a YouTube channel that provides information on the food pantry, including how to register and recipe tutorials.
- Walnut Elementary School project
  - Diana would like to provide information from the #Real College Data and other basic needs statistics for their flyers. Would BNC mind if business names are on some of the donated items? BNC is happy to receive donations and does not mind if business names are on items. Items should be ready for distribution in December.
- Hollywood Foreign Press Association donation
  - Marisa thanked people for attending the event.
  - Using funds for specific items for duffle bags, Foundations is working with BSN to get knit caps but found out this is not an option.

#### IV. Discussion

- Thanksgiving and MFFP brainstorm (15 min)
  - Every year SS hosts a hot Thanksgiving meal event. This year, the Student Services Management group will discuss options for this year's event and how they will provide meals to students with the campus being closed.
  - Will try to put together Thanksgiving food items for the November 18th food pantry.
  - Instead of a hot meal, students can receive a gift card to purchase their own food items.
- HHAW: Falls on the same week of our November Food Pantry. Will take photos of our efforts and students receiving food.
- Board of Trustee Study Session: Rigo and Koji provided a presentation on Basic Needs. Provided pre-pandemic data.
- Review committee goals and begin developing actionable items for certain goals
  - Pauline and Koji submitted to the President's office. Discussed possible goals that we can continue to capture. Discussed counting the number of faculty referrals and Cares act applicants. Start thinking of action plans and goals the committee can recommend. Next meeting, we will review the budget.

**V. Good of the Order (All)**

- Provide information on transportation during the holidays so students know what options they have such as Uber, Lyft and Foothill Transit.

**VI. Next Meeting**

- November 2, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**VII. Adjourn**