



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)
Meeting Agenda
November 2, 2020**

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

I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement (Renu)

We will begin this meeting with a Land Acknowledgement. For those of you who have never heard an Indigenous Land or Territorial Acknowledgement before it is a statement that recognizes the Indigenous peoples who have been dispossessed from the homelands and territories upon which an institution was built and currently occupies. For some, an Indigenous Land or Territorial Acknowledgement might be an unfamiliar practice, but it is a common protocol within Indigenous communities in the United States and is a standard practice in both Australia and Canada.

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 19, 2020

III. Updates

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo)
 - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda)
 - Rigo met with Director of Trio, Victor Rojas, to discuss having their new program for formally incarcerated students exempt.
 - Invited counselor, Julie Bradley from DHH, to participate in a Cal Fresh training session.
 - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo)
 - Next Drive-Thru Pantry @ Lot A on 11/4 from 10:00-1:00
 - Volunteers may be needed for 11/4 pantry.
 - Seeing numbers starting to climb. 486 different students have accessed the food pantry during the fall semester. Rigo has accessed different reports through the SARS report. First report has been the students who have registered but not attend. Rigo and Brenda have been phone banking to these students. Students responded that they had forgot about the food pantry, or they had exams, or work schedule is unpredictable. Brenda shared other response was that they were not sure if they can make it, but still wanted to reserve a spot.
 - Case management: have submitted CARE funds request. Thanks to Rosie for her assistance. Also have helped student apply to EOPS and other programs that they may be eligible for.

- Spring Faculty Flex Day!! (Pauline)
 - Friday, 2/19/21 (Zoom), proposals are due on 12/7/20. Looking for the following proposals: Student Success, Student Equity and filling student needs during COVID. The keynote speaker will be Sara Goldrick-Rab.
- Thanksgiving event (Koji)
 - SS Managers are working with Sodexo to provide prepared cooked Thanksgiving meals on 11/25/20. This will be based on a referral for students in need and special programs. The set up will be the same as our drive-thru food pantry distribution. Food card may also be given from Student Equity, information to follow.

IV. Discussion

- Budget overview (Koji)
- Develop Action Items for 2020-21 BNC Goals (Pauline and Koji)

V. Good of the Order (All)

- Irene shared that on 11/12/20 author, Sandra Cisneros will be presenting on zoom.
- Add Fresh Success to the agenda when Shelly is ready to present
- Diana shared that DPSS Los Angeles is coordinating training for staff that serve the community. They will go over all the programs they offer, it is a full day training spread over 2 days that will be virtual on November 16 & 17.

VI. Next Meeting

- November 19, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m. (Zoom)

VII. Adjourn