



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)  
Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2020**

Committee Members							
X	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	X	Marisa Fierro	X	Sgt. Brian Owen		Kaitlyn Yrineo
X	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair	X	Renu Katoch	X	Romelia Salinas		
X	Christina Cammayo	X	Shelly Laddusaw	X	Julia Walker	X	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		Ken McAlpin		Shawal Bhalli (Student)		Brenda Ricarte (guest)

**I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement (Rosie)**

*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 November 16, 2020**

**III. Updates (20 minutes)**

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo): Working on follow up emails. Looking into eviction information to provide to students. Students have reached out to Rigo and Brenda that they are behind in their rent. Please share any information on tenant’s right, COVID protection and or updated policies please share with Rigo and Brenda. Rigo shared that back owed money is around \$5,000 and up. Some cities are focusing on this upcoming problem.
  - Koji shared the messaging that will go out during the winter break to faculty who may need to refer a student. Currently it seems only churches are providing some shelter.
  - Amelia shared that there is not a lot of updates or good news on eviction process. Starting February they expect to see an increase. She hopes to have more information after her next team meeting. This is going to be difficult to funding and because people are so behind. They are limited on resources. Amelia shared that they have a program that assists in prevention, that is designed to help them with their back pay but the problem is there is too much back pay and these cases do have to be COVID related.
  - Diana, DPSS does not provide housing, they provide emergency assistance funds, but they have to already be part of the program. They do referrals to Los Angeles Housing Authority, LAHA, seems to be the main hub for housing. She will check if there are any other new programs that she can share and report on when it comes to housing and homelessness.
  - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda)
    - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo): Next Drive-Thru Pantry @ Lot A on 12/16 from 10:00-1:00
    - Preparing to host 200 students, this will be the last food pantry distribution for fall

#### IV. Presentations (30 minutes)

- Department Spotlight

- Ken McAlpin, Facilities (10 minutes): tabled
- Shelly and Renu, Continuing Education (10 minutes): No tuition cost, just have to pay some materials fees. Shelly shared all the different courses that are offered. All courses are designed to lead to employment and certificate of completion. They do work on getting these students to the credit side of campus. No eligibility requirements for their programs, except for nursing program. They also have an older adult program that are fee based courses. All courses are online, some courses will be back on campus, like EMT on limited basis.  
Renu, shared information on ABE, all classes are online. She shared information on the different classes they offer, they have about 7 to 8 programs. High school referral program allows students to make up high school credit. They work closely with EOPS when students transfer to the credit side.
- Q&A (10 min): Koji asked how their programs can currently assist students during this difficult time, related to basic needs. Shelly, they are looking at platforms where employers can post jobs within their department. This would allow students to prepare for interviews and find jobs. They work closely with EDD and AJCC to help students get jobs. Should students be referred to short term vocational? Shelly said yes. Trying to build out a campus wide career readiness hub website, she sits on the GPS Career Readiness Taskforce committee. Purple Briefcase is the platform they are looking at. Koji recommend to Rigo to post information on the Basic Needs website on job information. Shelly will forward information and resources to Rigo to post. Barbara asked about the resources from the Career Services. Shelly confirmed they are working with Zelda from Career Services who is also on the committee.
- Next program to share out will be Facilities (Ken McAlpin) and Library (Romelia & Pauline) at the March meeting. Barbara will send out reminders as we get closer to the meeting date.

#### V. Discussion (30 minutes)

- #RealCollege California Summit Debrief: Pauline, shared the Padlet board that people posted and shared information on. There is clip of Sara on the Daily Show. Check out all the items posted on: [#RealCollege Summit \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com). People reported out on the sessions they attended. Barbara, Romelia, Rigo, Pauline and Koji shared on some of the sessions they attended. What stood out was that Santa Monica has a hot food pantry and how many local grocery stores are willing to help with donations.

VI. **Good of the Order** (All): Koji shared information on Basic Needs is now housing basic needs cards. Funding is from Student Equity and housed in Basic Needs. Referrals for these cards should come from Faculty and staff. Try to attend spring flex day.

#### VII. Next Meeting

- January 4<sup>th</sup> ? Or February 1<sup>st</sup>? (Zoom): It was expressed that January dates will be difficult to meet because it is the first day of winter and then there are holidays. The first meeting for the New Year will be on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### VIII. Adjourn