



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2021**

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

I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

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 February 1, 2020

III. Updates (20 minutes)

- Welcome new faculty member to BNC, Thuy Pham: Pauline introduced our new BNC member.
- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo)
 - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): Brenda shared that on 2/18, thanks to the help from Financial Aid office, letters were sent out to students informing students of their eligibility for Cal Fresh. Brenda and the team have been reaching out and following up with students. Many students have received their EBT cards, funds, etc. Also they have been working and hosting office hours with DHH and ACCESS. CFO workshops are scheduled with the ASPIRE program, they will be answering questions and help students apply for Cal Fresh in breakout rooms. Rigo shared, as of today there are 480 Cal Fresh applicants. The website is user friendly so this has helped students who are applying independently. Also, working with non-credit and working with ESL counselors to provide presentations to their students. Rigo shared Cal Fresh benefits are year round and him and his team can schedule presentations, contact Rigo if you are interested in a presentation for your students on Cal Fresh.
 - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo)
 - Next Drive-Thru Pantry @ Lot A on 3/3/21 from 10:00-12:00. Registration system is the same for the spring term. Numbers have been consistent 200-225 students in attendance.
 - Trustee Peter Hidalgo will be joining the pantry distribution
 - Tzu Chi Foundation – Together We Rise has launched, Rigo provided background information and the launch of this subsidy program and the criteria that students would meet. Reported out that 9 official applications have been submitted, the deadline is March 8th. Working closely with students on navigating the application process. Rigo is confident that all 15 scholarships will be granted to our students.

- Spring Flex Day Reactions: Shelly, Barbara, Marissa shared their reactions to hearing Sara Goldrick-Rab. Pauline shared the syllabus statement with faculty. Rigo reported on how the presentation with Koji went and how they incorporated Mt. SAC data into their presentation. Shifted their conversation of Basic Needs to the importance of trauma informed care and best practices. Rigo asked Pauline if he get the materials that was presented at the trauma informed care workshop.
- #RealCollege Fall 2020 survey report by end of March

IV. Presentations (Pauline)

- None for March 1 – Library will go at the March 15th meeting. Julia and Courtney have volunteered to present on Student Life and Associated Students for the April 5th meeting. Foundations (Marissa) will present at the April 19th meeting, REACH (Jezze) will present on May 3rd (May is Foster Youth awareness month), May 17th Health Services (Irene) will present and EOPS (Kaitlyn) will present at our last meeting on June 7th. Faculty member, Thuy Phan volunteered to present anytime other than the month of March and April.

V. Discussion (Koji)

- Basic Needs Resources Plan Overview
 - Goals and Outcomes: members entered outcomes in Padlet created by Pauline.

VI. Good of the Order (All)

VII. Next Meeting

- March 15, 2021 (Zoom)

VIII. Adjourn