



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021**

Committee Members							
X	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	X	Marisa Fierro	X	Sgt. Brian Owen	X	Kaitlyn Yrineo
X	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair (f)	X	Renu Katoch	X	Romelia Salinas	X	Jaime Rodriguez (guest)
X	Christina Cammayo (f)	X	Shelly Laddusaw	X	Julia Walker	X	Jeze Lopez (guest)
	Thuy Pham (f)	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)	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 March 1, 2020 (5 min)

III. Updates (20 minutes)

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo): Together We Rise Program has started case managing students. Rigo reported they have successfully had 15 applicants get processed and are moving forward. In a few weeks, the students should be confirmed and interviewed for the subsidy. Koji and Rigo have selected a part-time hourly for the Basic Needs Assistant position. This person will be assisting Rigo with case management. Koji reported out that at the Board of Trustee’s meeting, Bill Lambert announced that they have raised \$73,000 for the Basic Needs Funds. Koji provided information on purchases that have been made so far with these funds. If you know a student that may benefit from the duffle bag care kits that are being ensemble, please email the student’s information to Rigo so he can assess the need. There will be regular standing meetings with Foundations to bolster support and talk about outreach.
 - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): Numbers are increasing, about 5-10 students are applying for CalFresh a day. Team is still providing outreach to students, helping with the interview and application process. Continuously doing outreach workshops and presentations with DHH and REACH. Shelly asked Rigo some questions regarding CalFresh eligibility since their Fresh Success process has been delayed. Koji suggested to have a Fresh Success presentation/overview at the next meeting. Brenda is working on a promo video for Cal Fresh, once it is done, folks can share with students and classes.
 - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo): 265 students attended the last food pantry. It rained at the last pantry, Rigo thanked the staff for working in the rain. The new trustee, Peter Hidalgo, attended and was very impressed with the pantry.

- Next Drive-Thru Pantry @ Lot A on 3/17/21 from 10:00-12:00. Student Health Services are providing health kits to distribute.
- Rigo shared that the VPSS sent out a survey on food pantry to special programs, he is reviewing the data.

IV. Presentations (30 minutes)

- Library – Dr. Romelia Salinas & Pauline Swartz: [Copy of RS and PS Presentation for BNC to share - Google Slides](#)

V. Discussion (25 min presentation; 8 min Q&A)

- Basic Needs Student Data Presentation (Jaime Rodriguez, Senior Research Analyst): Jaime provided information on demographic breakdown of our basic need students. First group that was looked at are Housing Insecure Students, second group were food pantry participant demographics. Will invite Jaime back to a BNC meeting for Q&A session based on his presentation.

VI. Good of the Order (All) (2 min):

- Koji, there is a CHEBNA webinar presentation starting on March 29.

VII. Next Meeting

- April 5, 2021 (Zoom)

VIII. Adjourn