



**Student Equity Committee – APPROVED Meeting Notes**  
**April 27, 2020 / 2:30pm to 4:00pm / Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

**Members**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Lara (Co-Chair)    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eva Rios-Alvarado | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Enke                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eloise Reyes (Co-Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parisa Mahjoor    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vanessa Garcia                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Sampat         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tarik Ross        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aya Garawi (A.S. Rep.) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Nixon             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jaime Rodriguez   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mica Stewart            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tami Pearson      |  |

**Research Team:** John Barkman

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Item</b>	<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Meeting Outcome</b>
1.0	Checking-in post COVID-19 closure	The committee members shared their personal experiences during COVID-19 closure / quarantine.	N/A
2.0	Review meeting notes: March 9, 2020	The committee reviewed and provided changes for the meeting notes on March 9, 2020.	The committee approved the changes.
3.0	CARES Act- Mt. SAC <a href="https://www.mtsac.edu/newsroom/news/posts/cares_act.html">https://www.mtsac.edu/newsroom/news/posts/cares_act.html</a>	Eric Lara announced that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act awarded Mt. SAC \$17.5 mil and half (\$8.5K) must be available to students in the form of emergency cash grants to help students pay for basic needs; the rest of the allocation will help the schools offset financial losses from the students. In President’s Cabinet the eligibility criteria is being discussed and will be determined soon; the campus is moving quickly to send out the funds to students.	N/A
4.0	CARES ACT (attachment) – Which students are eligible?	Eric Lara shared the CARES Act FAQ; he emphasized that 50% of the funds must be used for emergency financial aid grants to students; international and undocumented students are not eligible; SEAP funds are available for undocumented and non-credit students.	N/A
5.0	The NOT so new normal – What is EC doing during COVID?	Eric Lara reported what Equity Center is doing to assist students transition online while the campus is closed due to COVID-19. Eric presented at a faculty zoom training and indicated to be alert of student anxiety from uncertainty, not enough access to technology, not able to keep up with class assignments, and faculty needing technology assistance to teach online. He shared that Equity Center Programs are hosting virtual services such as online counseling,	N/A

		Fale Fono Fridays, Open Mic Night, Mt. SAC Scholarship Marathon, and community hangout.	
6.0	Library – Now online	Eva Rios-Alvarado indicated that the Library have transitioned all services online. She provided an online demonstration on how to access the free library services for students. In addition, the library is providing online tutoring support via zoom and students may set-up their appointments online. Another new feature is finding online are ebooks or audio books. Online chat is available 24/7 and online workshops is available both live and self-paced.	N/A
7.0	Harris and Wood Webinars: SS in the online environment, and culturally-affirming teaching practices <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzfa71ZxMOW-UM4rfBxoxA/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzfa71ZxMOW-UM4rfBxoxA/featured</a>	Eric Lara reminded the committee to access the free Harris and Wood webinars on youtube. The webinars supports the development of educators in advancing their capacity to serve underrepresented and underserved students. Jaime Rodriguez shared the student survey outcomes: 646 students had no computer access at home; 675 had no internet access at home; students need access to computer labs; concerns of not able to access library services. Faculty survey will be sent out soon.	N/A
8.0	Technology Distribution and Food Pantry Households where a smartphone is the ONLY computing device: <a href="https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=8cfa9159a67f43af8af5e08bbefec938">https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=8cfa9159a67f43af8af5e08bbefec938</a>	Eric Lara reported a technology call out was sent to students; distribution for both laptop and hotspots has been consistent; IT, Library, and Lisa DiDonato teamed up for the distribution project; students filled out the link/form and staff contacted the students via phone to confirm pick up date and time; credit and non-credit students are eligible; gearing up for summer and fall distribution; Research Team assisted with the student survey; they expressed their needs and challenges; difficulties with remote learning; food and house insecurities; connecting with campus departments.	N/A
9.0	Other CUE: <a href="https://cue.usc.edu/events/">https://cue.usc.edu/events/</a>	Eric Lara reminded the committee to access CUE Racial Equity webinar series via zoom. It's a six series webinar that discusses equity minded virtual services for students. Eric Lara congratulated Gary Enke for being awarded the Faculty Distinction Award.	N/A

**Future Student Equity Meetings: 5/11; TENTATIVE 6/8 - All meetings are held in 16E large conference room. 2:30-4:00 p.m.**