



**Student Equity Committee – APPROVED Meeting Notes**  
**March 10, 2025 / 2:30pm to 4:00pm / Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

**Members**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Lara (Co-Chair)<br><input type="checkbox"/> VACANT (Co-Chair)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Quiñones<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anabel Perez<br><input type="checkbox"/> Luis Echeverria Newberry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelby White-Tremazi<br><input type="checkbox"/> Garrett Staley<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Gonzalez<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Vang<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tami Pearson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Francesca Gambini<br><input type="checkbox"/> Urias Garcia<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yahir Virgen |
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**Research Team Guests:** John Barkman

**Guests:** N/A

Item	Agenda Topic	Notes	Meeting Outcomes
1.0	Land Acknowledgement	John Barkman conducted the land acknowledgment.	N/A
2.0	Review Meeting Notes: November 25, 2024	Eric Lara shared the meeting notes from November 25, 2024 meeting; the committee members reviewed the notes.	November 25, 2024 meeting notes approved with no changes. Catherine Parks will forward to SPEAC.
3.0	Committee Updates: Membership and Brown Act	Eric Lara announced that the co-chair position is vacant and reviewed the committee member terms. As of April 1, 2025, SEC must follow the Brown Act, which will transition our meetings to in person.	Catherine Parks will email the committee members of the in-person meeting location – April 14, 28, May 12 at 16E-1171. Eric Lara will follow up with Academic Senate to find a new faculty member and discuss next steps for appointing a co-chair.

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4.0	Equity Champion Workgroups: 1.Hispanic Serving/El Centro/Non-Native Speakers 2.African American/Minority Male/LGBTQ+/Formerly Incarcerated/Veterans/Honors 3.Credit/Noncredit/Older Adults/Lifelong Learners 4.Native American 5.ACCESS/API/Middle Eastern	Shelby White-Tremazi shared Ageism Awareness Campaign events: Tuesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> at 9am to 12pm and Friday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> at 4pm to 7pm.  Andrea Gonzalez shared Black History Month luncheon was a success and well attended; Speaker Series author Nic Stone was dynamic. Upcoming events: March 20th from 1pm to 2pm Lunch and Learn and 2025 Scholarship Marathon Workshops ( <a href="https://www.mtsac.edu/equitycenter/mcc_calendar/ScholarshipMarathon2025.png">https://www.mtsac.edu/equitycenter/mcc_calendar/ScholarshipMarathon2025.png</a> ).  Eric Lara shared that the Minority Male Initiative is transitioning to a community college charter group called Men of Color Action Network (MOCAN); it's a group effort of campus leadership – Koji Uesugi, Joe Louis Hernandez, Giovanni Rodriguez, and Professional Expert Mark Josephson. MOCAN hosted a conference on February 19 <sup>th</sup> and it was well attended; campus reoccurring meetings on Mondays in MC.  Eric Lara shared that the El Centro location's grand opening has delayed to Summer of 2025.  Francesca Gambini shared El Centro is hosting My Latinidad on March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 4pm to 6pm.	N/A
5.0	DEISA Council Update: Tami Pearson	Tami Pearson reported that the committee will meet this week.	N/A
6.0	Associated Students Update: Yahir Virgen	No report.	N/A
7.0	Research Update	Patricia Quiñones reported that the Research Team has primarily been working on Mt. SAC 2035 alongside consultants, data collection, participating and completing employee listening sessions. Engaging with focused groups such as Rising Scholars this spring semester.  Melissa Vang shared the updated Academic Tutoring website: <a href="https://www.mtsac.edu/tutoringcenters">https://www.mtsac.edu/tutoringcenters</a>  John Barkman announced some updates uploaded on Dashboards.	N/A
8.0	Dear Colleague Letter and Message from Chancellor and President Garcia	Eric Lara shared the Dear Colleague Letter, the message from the Chancellor, and Dr. Garcia's message. Committee members had a robust discussion on the impacts of the letter and valued the support from the Chancellor and President Garcia. The committee members value the Equity work done on campus and committed to continuing being Equity Champions.	The committee members will continue to be Equity Campions.
9.0	2025-2028 Student Equity Plan	Eric Lara shared the 2025-2028 Student Equity Plan; due date is November 30, 2025.	Eric Lara and Patricia Quiñones will provide continual updates and next steps on the completion of the plan.
10.0	Other Items/Announcements	N/A	N/A

**Scheduled Student Equity Meeting Dates: Mar 24; Apr 14; 28; May 12**

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