



Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

April 9, 2020

1:00 – 2:00

Zoom

MEMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">William Acuña, SVO PresidentIvonne Alvarez, SSS II AdmissionsAngie Avila, Senior SecretaryDanene Brown, Dean of Business & TechnologyClaudia Estrada, SSS I Transfer, Career, EvaluationsGail Fedalizo, SST, Veterans & RecordsErik Galvan, Veterans Counselor, VRCChastiny Gladden, SVO Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kelsey Graham, Assistant ProfessorRamiro Hernandez, Veterans Counselor Co-ChairLeroy Johnson, Counseling Department ChairpersonHeather Stuck, SVO Vice-PresidentVicki Hernandez, SSS I, Veterans & Records/VRCAilene Crakes, Dean of Student Development, Co-Chair
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MEMBERS PRESENT	Ailene Crakes, Angie Avila, Ramiro Hernandez, Vicki Hernandez, Leroy Johnson, Tonya Whitfield, Kelsey Graham, Claudia Estrada-Howell, Raquel Aparicio
MEMBERS ABSENT	Ivonne Alvarez, Danene Brown, Erik Galvan, Chastiny Gladden, Heather Stuck

AGENDA ITEM I: Call the meeting to Order

COMMENT/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.Crakes welcomed the committee. Today's meeting is a platform used to share updates and opportunities remotely that have occurred since the campus closure.
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AGENDA ITEM II: Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2020

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting minutes from February 13 were updated and approved.
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AGENDA ITEM III: Updates

DISCUSSION	<p>Spring Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ramiro mentioned the veterans students are stressed on having to go onlineThe Military Ally was cancelled. It is best to postpone until we return to campus.Cal Tap – Discussed how to proceed<ul style="list-style-type: none">Possibly smaller workshops or webinars throughout the rest of the term to address resources for student veterans
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently working on the specs of conducting a zoom workshop that will benefit our veteran students ○ Tonya suggested having a form available for students to complete that will allow us to identify resources and questions requested by students ○ Leroy shared the importance of having this information in career services ○ Discussed the importance of equity and resources available to students ○ Vicky will share the video recording meeting with the committee ● Veterans of Mesa Scholarship – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One recipient for the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship for \$500.00 ○ The scholarship will be awarded to Michelle Reichert who is interested in pursuing a graduate program ● Veterans Breakfast is postponed till next year due to the pandemic ● Veterans Recognition was postponed due to the pandemic ● Veterans Internship Program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One student is still able to complete his hours for the VIP Program ○ Another student was able to do a non-hands on approach that is more research related <p>VSC Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VSC is having services for students ● Voc Rehab is coming out on April 17 and the spots are filled already. ● Contemplating on having one in May depending on how it goes. ● Shared about the future of Veterans Success Center space and planning
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AGENDA ITEM IV: Other Items

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<p>VRC Grant was submitted by the deadline</p> <p>Region X Meeting was a very well attended event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramiro presented on the VIP program ● This agenda was productive, clear and to the point ● Received clarity and updates on VA certifications <p>Remote Services for Student Veterans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Veteran Success Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ remote counseling appointments are 30 minute drop in style for students ● Counseling Department - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remote counseling appointments are available for students. ○ Responding to inquiries ○ Services continue to be available ○ Working on the details of student appointments, zoom
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	<p>appointments and preparing to serve a larger arena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-registration workshops continue to be available • Veterans & Records Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remote services are available for VA certification, vocab rehab, on-call staff calls is available for students ○ Discussed impact on benefits and the law, impact of changes in policy ○ Reinforces the importance of the date of the last day of attendance ○ Continue to look for ways to provide support for our students during this time and look for ways to help • Remote personal and wellness counseling is available for students by Erik Galvan
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AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each committee member discussed the impact and alternative ways technology is being used to help students during the corona virus quarantine • Communicating knowledge to students is helpful • Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.
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Next Meeting: September 2020

*Meeting Formula: 2nd Thursdays, unless otherwise **noted**.*