

Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

April 13, 2023
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan Agricola, Project Assistant, VSC • Ivonne Alvarez, Director Admissions • Andrea, Ashley, ASO President • Angie Avila, Administrative Assistant • Sandra Belew, Mathematics Professor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew MacNeill, Dean of Learning Resources and Academic Support • Armando Manzo, Admissions Classified Professional • Jacob Muniz, Student Representative • Jillian Ventrone, Veterans Counselor • Ailene Crakes, Dean of Student Development
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MEMBERS PRESENT	Jordan Agricola, Ivonne Alvarez, Andrea Ashley, Angie Avila, Ailene Crakes, Armando Manzo, Jacob Muniz, Jillian Ventrone
MEMBERS ABSENT	Andrew MacNeill, Sandra Belew
GUESTS PRESENT	

AGENDA ITEM I: Welcome

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. • Committee introduced themselves
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AGENDA ITEM II: Updates

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD Education & Career Fair – MCRD invited them to participate in the career fair • Friends of the Navy “Embark” Program – Veterans Department is soliciting students to attend • SD Loyal – The SD Loyal team performs at USD stadium. Mesa is collaborating with them to develop a package deal that includes a 1.5-hour career panel before the game, goodie bags, game tickets with a reserved area, a team picture, and a marine vs sailor game at the end. Tickets are \$15 each. It is open to all military veterans and active-duty personnel, as well as their dependents. This will take place at USD on July 29, 2023 • Student Veterans Organization organized the following events; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Karaoke Night was successful 43 people attended
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Movie Night was after spring break. About 20 people attended and enjoyed the movie • Vouchers for Free Food – We have a partnership with a food truck that will come by every day at 3pm. 150 vouchers will be offered at the stand on a first come, first served basis • Mental Health Counselor – Marc Pescadera is our new mental health counselor located in the Veterans Success Center • Veterans Recognition Ceremony – we are searching for someone to sing the national anthem during the ceremony. The ceremony details are taking shape. There are already 24 students registered, as well as 130 guests
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AGENDA ITEM III: Other Items

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st round of interviews for the veteran supervisor • The administrative technician position has posted • Jordan requested for a reclassification • We will now include equity and student success as a standing item for our meetings to help close the gaps that students face in order to ensure that they graduate with a career that pays a livable salary • We intend to offer tutoring in a variety of subjects for the veterans success center
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AGENDA ITEM IV: Roundtable

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee addressed other approaches to overcoming obstacles for the veteran students
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AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
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Next Meeting: May 11, 2023

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