



Veterans Advisory Council

Minutes

April 18, 2024
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Jordan Agricola, Ivonne Alvarez, Jose Hueso, Jillian Ventrone, Armando Manzo, Alex Holowicki, Jennifer Carmichael, Angie Avila
MEMBERS ABSENT	Ailene Crakes
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">• The 2024 Veterans Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for May 1st, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM in Mesa Commons room 211. About 90 attendees are expected, including students, their families, and friends. We're delighted to have Simon Sandoval, a distinguished alumnus, as our special guest this year. Don't miss the opportunity to capture memories at the photo booth!• VSC events update<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Transfer Café hosts successful monthly transfer counseling events on the first Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11 AM at the VSC. Anne Hedekin serves as the counselor, with representation from the EDD also available.b) Warrior Scholar Project on April 15th was successfully attended. We aim to host them once every semester.c) The pancake breakfast fundraiser was highly successful, raising \$1,350.00 for the veteran's emergency fund, which is managed through The Stand. All food and catering were donated, with Tonya Whitfield facilitating the culinary department's involvement. We are considering organizing a Fall BBQ, and details are being discussed with Tonya and her team.d) Any veteran students interested in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program will attend a tour of the University of San Diego/Azusa Pacific University on April 20th. The college acknowledges the increasing demand for entry-level BSN programs among its students. Therefore, it is exploring the possibility of introducing a BSN program at the colleges in the
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	<p>future, particularly considering its status as an impacted major, while also supporting its current Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) program.</p> <p>e) Study Jam is scheduled for May 16th from 12-2 PM at the Veterans Success Center. It's an opportunity for students to gather for studying, with one-to-one tutoring available.</p> <p>f) The Festival of Colors was a fantastic community event where the Veterans Success Center and Admissions were able to showcase their services and promote upcoming events.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM IV: Other Items

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An initiative has been launched to potentially offer a Military Affiliated English Composition Class as a cohort in the upcoming Fall 2025.
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AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
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Next Meeting: TBA

*2nd Thursdays, 1-2 pm, unless otherwise **noted**.*