



Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

May 10, 2018

3:00 – 4:00

Room I4-402

MEMBERS	Evan Adelson	LaWanda Foster	Eduardo Moncado
	Ivonne Alvarez	Gabriel Gonzalez	Chris Nowell
	Angie Avila	Ramiro Hernandez	Tonya Whitfield
	Danene Brown	Trung Huynh	
	Ailene Crakes	Leroy Johnson	
	Claudia Estrada	Suzanne Khambata	

AGENDA ITEM A: Call meeting to order

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm• Attendees: Angie Avila, Ailene Crakes, Claudia Estrada, LaWanda Foster, Chris Nowell
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AGENDA ITEM B: Approval of minutes

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The committee approved the meeting minutes from February 2018
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AGENDA ITEM C: New Business

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Breakfast Social was a hit (\$998.00)• Vet Grad Ceremony is May 18, 2018 @ 11:00am in the Mesa Commons 211A. 13 student's RSVP'd for the event.• Vet Caucus Newsletter – Chris Nowell, president of the SVO was highlighted• Finals Weeks – Veterans & Records Office will deliver snacks and refreshments in the VRC to energize students during finals week• VRC remodel Update – Dean met with VPSS and the committee to discuss remodeling details and submitted a wish list for approval. Things are moving along smoothly. The Dean is looking into creating a space that resembles the one-stop-shop concept• Vet Summing Briefing<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) More VRC's are hiring work-study's and using them in the capacity of peer navigators.b) Resources such as the Sonocent Audio Notetaker Grant in partnership with DSPS can help student veterans with service-connected disabilitiesc) The Department of Veterans Affairs discussed the certificate programs at the California community college level. Apparently, individual colleges will not be responsible for providing hiring data on students earning a certificate, etc. Instead the state Chancellor's office will report that information to the VA directly
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	<p>d) Female Veterans: Struggles, Success and Strategies The California community college system serves approx. 14,000 female vets. Discussed ideas on how to better reach this population</p> <p>e) Other ideas – create a veterans scavenger hunt to help our veterans identify college services. Maybe create some form of incentive for veterans to explore different services (\$10 gift card to the campus stores/cafeteria)</p> <p>f) In collaboration with Student Health Services, DSPS and the Veterans Office, funding for apps that may help student veterans can be purchased for a one time fee and addresses things such as note taking, success journals, calendar planning, strategizing goals, and providing structure. The apps recommended were Pace My Day, Reach My Goals, Notability, Inspiration Maps, We Calendar, Strategize My Life.</p> <p>g) Infinite Hero Foundation has a grant that can help schools/organizations in funding innovative ideas to help veterans.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM F: Roundtable

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawanda will provide snacks and drinks during finals weeks for our veteran students • Leroy Johnson is the closing speaker at the Vet Grad ceremony • Chris Newel asked we could contact the department of interior design to help with the VRC remodeling • Trung Hung gave ideas on how to support the VRC • Claudia Estrada mentioned the stand will host the 2nd Farmers Market on May 17th from 1-3pm.
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Next Meeting: TBA

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