

Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Sep 10, 2020
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ivonne Alvarez, SSS II Admissions Angie Avila, Senior Secretary Danene Brown, Dean of Business & Technology Claudia Estrada, SSS I Transfer, Career, Evaluations Gail Fedalizo, SST, Veterans & Records Kelsey Graham, Assistant Professor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramiro Hernandez, Veterans Counselor Co-Chair Leroy Johnson, Counseling Department Chairperson Vicki Hernandez, SSS I, Veterans & Records/Veterans Success Center Ailene Crakes, Dean of Student Development, Co-Chair
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MEMBERS PRESENT	Ivonne Alvarez, Angie Avila, Danene Brown, Ailene Crakes, Claudia Estrada-Howell, Gail Fedalizo, Ramiro Hernandez, Vicki Hernandez
GUESTS	Marriah Henriques SVO president, Joshua Labiano Fundraising Dept. Volunteer and Phillip Erwin, SVO Treasurer
ABSENT MEMBERS	Leroy Johnson, Kelsey Graham

AGENDA ITEM I: Call the meeting to Order

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. Committee members were welcomed and introduced
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AGENDA ITEM II: Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2020

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting minutes from April 9 approved
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AGENDA ITEM III: Updates

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAVE THE DATE: 2020 Virtual Veterans Activities the week of Nov. 9th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ VRC remotely ◦ VOC Rehab ◦ Q&A • Student's most common question is how they can do their paperwork. • Veterans Internship Program – Pavel and Ramiro helped the students complete their internship remotely. It was not easy, but they were able to finish successfully. The stipend is 2000 per internship. • Click Internship Program link to read about the program requirements • Students can meet with Career Peer Ambassadors by appointment to help with jobs, internships, and career choices. • Veterans Success Center – Ramiro is available for counseling veteran students remotely on Tuesdays 8-9am and Thursdays 9-11am. • Dean Crakes showed a video of the new Veterans Success Center located in K-104 that is now next to The Stand
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AGENDA ITEM IV: Other Items

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AVANZA center has a new onboarding program designed to support veteran students • Marriah asked the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Can we incorporate a mental health counselor for veteran students? ◦ Can gym access become available for veterans and/or homeless to take showers? ◦ Can you inform students of any available work-study opportunities?
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AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee had roundtable • Information is changing so rapid in a way that is unique to each campus • Reminder: students have to apply to participate in graduation • Certification has been overwhelming and slow. • 620 veteran students have already been certified but there is still lots of students left to certify • Vicki will connect with Marriah to explore new ways to support veteran students • The committee will inquire how to incorporate mental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ #MentalhealthMonday or #WellnessWednesday
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Next Meeting: October 8, 2020

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