

## Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

Oct 8, 2020  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ivonne Alvarez, SSS II Admissions</li> <li>Angie Avila, Senior Secretary</li> <li>Danene Brown, Dean of Business &amp; Technology</li> <li>Claudia Estrada, SSS I Transfer, Career, Evaluations</li> <li>Gail Fedalizo, SST, Veterans &amp; Records</li> <li>Chastiny Gladden, SVO Vice-President</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kelsey Graham, Assistant Professor</li> <li>Marriah Henriques, SVO President</li> <li>Ramiro Hernandez, Veterans Counselor Co-Chair</li> <li>Vicki Hernandez, SSS I, Veterans &amp; Records/Veterans Success Center</li> <li>Leroy Johnson, Counseling Department Chair</li> <li>Ailene Crakes, Dean of Student Development, Co-Chair</li> </ul>
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<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Ailene Crakes, Angie Avila, Danene Brown, Claudia Estrada-Howell, Gail Fedalizo, Chastiny Gladden, Kelsey Graham Marriah Henriques, Ramiro Hernandez, Vicki Hernandez, Leroy Johnson
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Ivonne Alvarez, Chastiny Gladden, Marriah Henriques,
<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	Natalia Trinh

### AGENDA ITEM I: Call the meeting to Order

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.</li> </ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM II: Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2020

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting minutes from September were updated and approved</li> <li>Introduction of committee members</li> </ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM III: Guest

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natalia Trinh, ASG student and guest introduced herself to the group and shared her background and ideas for supporting student veterans.</li> </ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM IV: Updates

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Certified Official Hot Spots are every T/Th on a first come first serve basis via zoom for veteran students and dependents by Gail Fedalizo. Social Media has increased attendance in hot spots.</li> <li>• Veterans Week Activities - coordination of Veteran remote events are occurring the second week of November. Please view events at <a href="http://www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/veterans-services/week-events.shtml">http://www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/veterans-services/week-events.shtml</a></li> <li>• Mesa Veterans Internship Program is in process for the following year. The first meeting will begin Oct. 20 via zoom.</li> <li>• Vet Presentation for Counseling Open House – the goal is to highlight the Veteran services that Mesa provides as the leading college of equity.</li> <li>• Our goal for the Virtual Flag Dedication Fundraiser is to find donations to raise money for veteran scholarships. Our second biggest fundraiser the breakfast social is cancelled this year due to the pandemic.</li> </ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please view Transfer events at <a href="http://www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/transfer-center/index.shtml">http://www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/transfer-center/index.shtml</a></li> <li>• Student Veterans Corona Virus Act went into effect March/April 2020, so students can get fully paid for housing. This act is extended till 2021.</li> <li>• Veteran Student Work Study opportunities are available</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.</li> </ul>
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**Next Meeting: November 12, 2020**

*Meeting Formula: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, unless otherwise **noted**.*