

## Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

October 13, 2022

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jordan Agricola, Project Asst., VSC</li> <li>Ivonne Alvarez, Director, Admissions</li> <li>Angie Avila, Administrative Assistant</li> <li>Philemon Bakit, Acting Supervisor, Veterans &amp; Records</li> <li>Kelsey Graham, Assistant Professor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrew MacNeill, Dean of Learning Resources and Academic Support</li> <li>Jillian Ventrone, Counselor</li> <li>Ailene Crakes, Dean of Student Development, Chair</li> </ul>
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<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Jordan Agricola, Angie Avila, Ailene Crakes, Philemon Bakit, Jillian Ventrone
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Ivonne Alvarez, Kelsey Graham, Andrew MacNeill
<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	

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

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM II: Introductions

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Introduced the following new Veterans Team members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philemon Bakit – Acting Veterans Supervisor</li> <li>Jillian Ventrone – Veterans Counselor</li> </ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM III: Updates

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Veterans Recognition Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crakes thanked Jordan Agricola for serving as the Master of Ceremonies, along with Ivonne Alvarez for organizing the Veterans Recognition Ceremony in May. The Veterans and Records, and Veterans Success Team was acknowledged for working together to make the event special for our veterans and military dependents.</li> </ul> <p>Veterans Internship Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crakes acknowledged Pavel Consuegra for helping and supporting student veterans with internships. Students create a Portfolium, along with a</li> </ul>
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	<p>video testimony, and resume. The experiences gained through this program prepare students for the workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two students completed the program in spring 2022 and three students in summer 2022.</li> </ul> <p>Veterans Success Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smart Classroom – The center has been upgraded with technology to support online instruction and workshop. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for a couple of parts to arrive. Mesa Information Technology will record a video tutorial that we can use.</li> <li>Phones - Thanks to Ivonne Alvarez and Philemon Bakit for their help with securing phones for the Veterans Success Center.</li> <li>Hours of Operation - There are no changes to the hours of operation</li> <li>Mental Health/Wellness Services – Monica Woodruff - A reminder that Monica Woodruff continues to provide mental health and wellness services for our student veterans.</li> </ul> <p>Career Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three Veteran Career Counseling Chats were held in the VSC (Sept 7th, Sept 21st, and Oct 5th) to help find a job/internship, how to write or edit a resume or cover letter, or pick a major that fits their interest for a career field.</li> <li>There will be three more events throughout the rest of the Fall semester (Oct 19th, Nov 2nd, and Nov 16th) from 11 to Noon.</li> </ul> <p>Transcripts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Towards the end of spring 2022 (April or May) Jordan ran a query that populated Veteran students missing transcripts and/or those who needed transcript evaluation. Jordan and the team had individually reached out to those students prior to the start of the summer semester. Since then Jordan continues to run this query in the Summer and Fall semesters with the intention to reach out to this population of students and eventually close the gap.</li> </ul> <p>Future Planning and Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need a student and a faculty to serve as a member of the council.</li> </ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM IV: Other Items

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	N/A
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### AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
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**Next Meeting: November 10, 2022**

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