



## Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

December 13, 2018

1:00 – 2:00

Room I4-402

<b>MEMBERS</b>	Ivonne Alvarez	LaWanda Foster	Adrian Tanjuaquio
	Xamayra Alvarez	Kelsey Graham	Tonya Whitfield
	Angie Avila	Ramiro Hernandez	
	Danene Brown	Trung Huynh	
	Ailene Crakes	Leroy Johnson	
	Claudia Estrada	Patrick Struszczyk	

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

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The meeting was called to the order at 1:00pm by Ailene Crakes.</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Danene Brown, Leroy Johnson, Adrian Tanjuaquio, Trung Huynh, Patrick Struszczyk, Kelsey Graham, LaWanda Foster, Xamayra Alvarez, Claudia Estrada, Angie Avila, Ailene Crakes, Ramiro Hernandez</p> <p><u>Absent Members:</u> Tonya Whitfield, Ivonne Alvarez</p>
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### AGENDA ITEM II: Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2018

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	October 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved
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### AGENDA ITEM III: Updates

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee watched Supporting our Deported Veterans video</li> <li>Ramiro and Trustee Zschiesche met with Hector Barajas the owner of Deported Veterans. This was a successful event that took place in Mexico</li> <li>Donation Drive is coordinated with Employee Rights Center for Delivery</li> <li>The committee is supporting the coordination of Care Packages for deployed service members during the holidays</li> <li>Vet celebration week debrief             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarships available</li> <li>Veterans have free school game admissions the month of November</li> <li>The Veterans writing read-off was a success</li> <li>Soldier who salsa participated</li> <li>The Veterans &amp; Records Office created swag bags for the veterans</li> <li>Internship and transfer application workshops were available</li> <li>Hector Barajas spoke during the deported veterans panel</li> <li>Suzanne Khambata had the mediation tent</li> </ol> </li> <li>Conference Updates:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAVPA –</li> <li>Student Veterans of America – work study expansion, STEM, Salute</li> <li>Region 10 meeting – certifying officials and counselors discussed what everyone is doing in their campus.</li> <li>Point Loma Nazarene –pay 100% of their education with the yellow ribbon and the institution itself.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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	<p>5. USD – support the veterans and provide the yellow ribbon</p> <p>6. San Marcos – they are expanding the VA work study for veteran students. If you are a veteran and come from Mesa College they guarantee local status.</p> <p>7. Student Veterans of America National Conference – Ramiro and Patrick will attend and report information when they return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VRC update – remodeling is still in the process</li> <li>• VRC ongoing certification update – our campus has the opportunity to apply for funding every year.</li> </ul>
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**AGENDA ITEM IV: Planning Ahead**

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The breakfast social for Spring 2019 will be the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>. The funds go to the veterans emergency fund and veterans scholarship.</li> </ul>
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**AGENDA ITEM V: Other Items**

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	none
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**AGENDA ITEM VI: Roundtable**

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer Center - All CSU's have extended their Fall application deadline until 12/15/18. UCR and UCSC extended until Jan 4, 2019.</li> <li>• Lawanda is encouraging students to fill out the semester worksheet so they can receive the book allotment from the Department of VA on time.</li> </ul>
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**February 14, 2019**

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