

Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

Dec 10, 2020

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA ITEM I: Call the Meeting to Order

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.
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AGENDA ITEM II: Approval of Meeting Minutes

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	Meeting minutes from October 8 th updated and approved
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AGENDA ITEM III: Welcome and Introductions

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. VAC Membership – Crakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee introduced themselves b. New Member – Crakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee welcomed our new member, Andy MacNeill.
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AGENDA ITEM V: SVO Updates

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	SVO is working on updating activities to become more virtually friendly
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AGENDA ITEM VI: Updates

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Veterans Success Center and Board Meeting- Crakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the campus is shut down, the Veterans Success Center is ready to serve students once the campus reopens • A video on the resource center was shared with the group b. 2020 California Community Colleges Veterans Symposium – Crakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed full-time veteran guidelines for students to receive their full benefits • Students will lose the daily allowance each day for each gap in days c. Veterans Counseling Updates – R. Hernandez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mesa VIP Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The veterans orientation was successful • Veterans of Mesa Scholarship outcome for Veterans Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Although the campus is currently undergoing a pandemic shut down, a good amount of funds were raised for the Mesa scholarship d. Veterans Services Updates – V. Hernandez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Week Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have been working on new ideas on how to accommodate veteran students online better • Veterans Virtual Front Desk Update for best online practices: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virtual Front Desk 2. Q&A 3. Check-in Drop-in timeframe 4. Live Chat feature – emails chat transcripts 5. Veterans Canvas • Catalog Review CSAAVE is in its final process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education approves specific educational programs for Veteran students ○ How can Mesa College add the dual major option to our catalog? ○ Military Friendly Survey is complete, and submitted e. Other Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise Science is looking into offering alternative classes where the choice to pay a fee for an E.S. class without a grade is available.
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AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.
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Next Meeting: February 11, 2021

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