

Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

May 13, 2021
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 Natalia Trinh, Associated Student Ailene Crakes, Dean of Student Development, Co-Chair
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MEMBERS PRESENT	Ailene Crakes, Andrew MacNeill, Claudia Estrada-Howell, Gail Fedalizo, Kelsey Graham, Marriah Henriques, Ramiro Hernandez, Vicki Hernandez, Leroy Johnson
MEMBERS ABSENT	Ivonne Alvarez, Angie Avila, Chastiny Gladden
GUESTS PRESENT	

AGENDA ITEM I: Call the meeting to Order

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.
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AGENDA ITEM II: Approval of Meeting Minutes

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting minutes from April 15, 2021 updated and approved
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AGENDA ITEM III: Updates

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> CSAAVE Approval - Vicki shared Mesa's 2020-2021 catalog is approved for VA educational benefits. This includes new programs and those with slight name changes. Counselor Ramiro Hernandez has a copy of approved programs. Graduation Recognition—Vicki provided an overview of the program with date and time for event. She also shared the new t-shirt that will be given to graduating student veterans.
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	<p>c. Virtual Front Desk – Vicki and Gail shared the Virtual Front Desk services and timeframe student work-studies staff it. Hours are Monday – Thursday 8-6 and Friday 8-3.</p> <p>d. Work-Study Opportunities - Vicki shared the opportunity to hire VA work-study students. If students enroll in the summer, students would be able to work if departments need additional student help.</p> <p>e. Veterans of Mesa Scholarship – Ramiro shared that Christopher Fisher, Computer Science major, and Jesus Rangel, Engineering major were awarded the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship recipients.</p> <p>f. Veterans Success Center – Crakes provided an update on the Veterans Success Center. She shared a presentation that has photos of the center and services in the future.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM IV: Other Items

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	none
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AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

COMMENT S/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriah Henriques – Inquired about adding the SVO link on the veteran's webpage. She asked about having a link with info for veteran's services and on pronto in canvas. • Kelsey Graham – Question about Title IX reporting process • Natalia Trinh is running for Associated Students President • Leroy Johnson – Encouraged everyone to read the Counseling Equity Newsletter and use the Share Your Voice form to provide feedback after their counseling sessions • Gail Fedalizo - Swag distribution for veteran transfer and graduate students are on Tuesday, 5/18, from 10-1 and Wednesday, 5/19 from 1-3 PM • Andy MacNeil I– Acknowledged the committee's effort for the work they are doing. He enjoys the collaboration and looks forward to this collaboration in the new space • Josh Labiano – Thanked everyone for their support; he is transferring and honored to meet everyone
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claudia Estrada Howell – Extended three job offers to three student veterans. Excited to have them join the TCE team. Encouraged students to complete this form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmZZ7XRy4WnJpCGvXRT-xbTWbGs9IAhf_xrbG_kPvJH4cPnA/viewform• Ramiro Hernandez – Asked for virtual fundraising ideas <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.</p>
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Next Meeting: September 9, 2021

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