

## Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

September 9, 2021

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, Administrative Assistant</li> <li>Andrew MacNeill, Dean of Learning Resources and Academic Support</li> <li>Gail Fedalizo, SST, Veterans &amp; Records</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kelsey Graham, Assistant Professor</li> <li>Ramiro Hernandez, Veterans Counselor Co-Chair</li> <li>Vicki Hernandez, SSS I, Veterans &amp; Records/Veterans Success Center</li> <li>Natalia Trinh, Student</li> <li>Ailene Crakes, Dean of Student Development, Co-Chair</li> </ul>
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<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Ivonne Alvarez, Ailene Crakes, Angie Avila, Andrew MacNeill, Gail Fedalizo, Kelsey Graham, Ramiro Hernandez, Vicki Hernandez,
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Chastiny Gladden, Natalia Trinh, Tonya Whitfield
<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	Jordan Agricola, Terrie Teegarden, Star

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

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.
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### AGENDA ITEM II: Welcome and Introductions

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	The committee introduced and welcomed themselves.
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### AGENDA ITEM III: Guest: Professor Terrie Teegarden and Star

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	Star, a mini golden doodle, passed her therapy test at one year and four days old. She is now an AKA good citizenship dog and has her therapy certification. Terrie and Star offered to come to the Veterans Success Center to meet our students.
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### AGENDA ITEM IV: Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2001

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	Minutes from May 13 was approved
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### AGENDA ITEM V: Updates

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Veterans Success Center - Crakes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Crakes provided an update on the Veterans Success Center. The space was updated this summer to include the following:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Fresh interior painting</li> <li>b) Professional cleaning</li> <li>c) Window covering installation</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>MESA VIP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ramiro shared that we got two students for the summer internship program. Ramiro shared two student videos from Jay and Griselda that captured their experiences and what they learned about the program. He wants to create a Mesa VIP webpage to provide more access for students wanting to learn and sign up for the program.</li> <li>2. VA Work Study Opportunities - Vicki reported on the VA work-study program at Mesa. There are currently 35 students on the interest list. Everyone was encouraged to contact Vicki if they are interested in a VA work-study</li> <li>3. Save the Date for Veterans Week, November 8-10th. Activities this year will include a Veteran Alumni panel, transfer workshops, and a Veteran Internship workshop to name a few. More information will follow. Be sure to look for more information coming soon</li> </ol>
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### AGENDA ITEM V: Other Items

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<p>New Team Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two new project assistants will be assisting in the Veterans Success Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jordan Agricola</li> <li>• Alex Rodriguez</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Photo Shoot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The district magazine photo shoot featured an article about our student veteran population and resources available on the campuses. The article will be in the November issue.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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### AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vicki will send links to the photo shoot and 911 snippets</li> <li>2. Ivonne thanked everyone for cooperating and working together through another semester.</li> <li>3. Gail is excited to share the 911 snippets and is grateful for another semester.</li> <li>4. Ramiro thanked the team for cooperating and helping get through the year.</li> <li>5. Ailene thanked everyone for being available to help students and management.</li> <li>6. Andrew likes the spirit of this committee and is looking forward to having some veteran student workers.</li> <li>7. Kelsey asked if veteran students could take classes outside their degree program. Yes, but they have to pay for those classes. She also asked about adding a boot camp as an event to the veteran's week.</li> </ol>
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**Next Meeting: October 7, 2021**

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