



## Veterans Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024

1:00 - 2:00 pm

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<b>MEMBERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ivonne Alvarez, Director of Admissions</li> <li>Jordan Agricola, Student Services Technician, Veterans Success Center</li> <li>Alex Holowicki, Professor, History</li> <li>Laurie Howell, Dean of Learning Resource Center</li> <li>Jose Hueso, SS Supervisor I Veterans and Records</li> <li>Armando Manzo, Admissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angie Avila, Administrative Assistant, Student Development</li> <li>Cynthia Rico, Acting Dean of Student Development</li> <li>Tonya Whitfield, Professor of Culinary Arts/Culinary Management</li> </ul>

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Ivonne Alvarez, Jordan Agricola, Laurie Howell, Jose Hueso, Angie Avila, Cynthia Rico,
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Alex Holowicki, Armando Manzo, Tonya Whitfield
<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	

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

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

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	September 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved.
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### AGENDA ITEM III: Updates

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	a) Welcome New Committee Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laurie Howell, Dean of the Learning Resource Center, was introduced and warmly welcomed to the committee.</li> </ul>
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	<p>b) Veterans Week Re-Cap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NBC featured the event, highlighting the themes "From Silence to Pride" and "The Legacy of DADT" panel discussion.</li><li>• All veterans' events were highly successful and drew strong attendance.</li></ul> <p>c) Spring 2025 Fundraise - The Pancake Social fundraiser will continue to support the Veterans Emergency Fund.</p> <p>d) Spring 2025 Hiring Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A counselor for the Veterans Success Center is expected to be hired by February 1st.</li><li>• Counseling services remain available at the Veterans Success Center in the interim.</li></ul> <p>e) Veterans New Student Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two orientations will be offered to provide general information, though participation is not mandatory for veteran students.</li><li>• Financial Aid representatives visit the center once per semester to address students' questions, including those not covered during the orientation.</li></ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM IV: Other Items

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	<p>a) Planned Events for Spring 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DSPS representatives, led by Joseph Prochett, will be available on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.</li><li>• Disability claims assistance will be available monthly.</li><li>• Transfer counselors will be available every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.</li><li>• VA representatives from PLNU will visit monthly.</li><li>• Representatives from the "Power of 5," comprising local, regional universities and elite private institutions, will engage with students. Event logistics are still being finalized.</li><li>• The Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for May 7th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tutoring services will continue in the spring semester.</li><li>• The AANAPISI Study Jam Session is scheduled for December 4th, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in room K103.</li><li>• Additional discussions focused on planning tutoring services for the spring semester.</li></ul>
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### AGENDA ITEM V: Roundtable

<b>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</b>	The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
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### Meetings for 2024-2025:

*Sept 12, Nov 21, March 13, April 10*

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