



Veterans Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024

1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

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

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	September 19 th meeting minutes were approved.
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AGENDA ITEM III: Updates

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

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

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	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: 2nd Thursdays, unless otherwise **noted**.*