



Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

April 13, 2017

3:00 – 4:00

Room I4-402

MEMBERS	Evan Adelson	LaWanda Foster	Leroy Johnson
	Ivonne Alvarez	Gabriel Gonzalez	Suzanne Khambata
	Angie Avila	Adam Greening	Janet Langrehr
	Danene Brown	Dylan Hardie	Tonya Whitfield
	Ailene Crakes	Ramiro Hernandez	
	Claudia Estrada	Trung Huynh	

AGENDA ITEM A: Call the meeting to order

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The committee introduced Chris Knowel treasurer of SVOAbsent: Ivonne, Claudia, Leroy, Adam, Janet, Evan
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AGENDA ITEM B: Approval of Minutes

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes will be emailed to the committee for approval
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AGENDA ITEM C: Old Business- Hernandez

DISCUSSION	<p>Spring Events Update & Debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ailene thanked everyone for their support with the Pancake SocialThe Pancake Social raised \$1,100.00 in fundsThe Vet Graduation Ceremony is Friday May 19th, a day before commencementThe Graduation Stoles will be delivered on April 27th. Lawanda and Larry Maxey helped fund these. The colors are royal blue ribbon and gold lettering
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AGENDA ITEM D: New Business

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<p>Welcome Home: Veterans on Campus Training - Khambata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Late June-July is the latest workshops due to Grant Funding.Ramiro asked if they can do them on Tues, Nov 7,8,9th <p>Veterans at Mesa Scholarship - Hernandez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Janet Langhler won the Veterans At Mesa Scholarships and Dylan Hardy won the SZETO scholarship <p>Veterans Summit Update - Hernandez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mount Sacramento built a building with the veterans in mind. The entire first floor is dedicated to VeteransLynn Neult was the pioneer for incorporating the process for veterans to apply for benefits in one place and be eligible in all three SDCCD campuses
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	<p>Posse Veterans Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were having one to one interviews with students. It was a great presentation and very successful <p>Cal Vet VRC Visit - Ramiro and Dylan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/24, 11:15-11:30am • Dylan talked with Leon from Cal Vet and he will be visiting the VRC soon • <p>Veterans Conference – Chris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVO are currently working with Pasadena, USD, LA Community College and other SVO officers from various colleges • Potential date for the conference March 2-4, 2018 at Mesa Campus • Break-Out Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to fund your SVO, Social event planning, How to make your club successful, How to interact and work with veterans who have PTS, Yoga, Soldiers who salsa, Writers workshop, Invest panel, 3 way panel, Veteran/parents issues, Women/Male Veteran issues, Finding your inner strength (lady valor), Veterans Success, Creating a VRC, SVO/Club Advisors panel, Transfer to a 4 year university, SD veterans coalition ○ Currently the logistics are being worked out (budget, hotel, sessions, permissions) <p>Psychology Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The article explains how important it is to have a VRC at community colleges
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AGENDA ITEM E: Announcements

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Banquet - 4/28/17 • Gabriel is running for ASG re-election for next year. They would like to support more. He hopes we utilize the ASG more often. • The Veterans in Health Services want to explore coordinating a 911 event • Summer 2017 Class Schedule is out • SVO is hoping to host an Ice cream fundraiser. They will contact Tonya to purchase the ice cream • SVO Polo T-shirts will be created for the officers • SDmesasvo.org – Mesa Alumni Connection Program helps students find a contact person for the school they would like to attend
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AGENDA ITEM F: Roundtable and Adjournment

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned
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Next Meeting: May 11, 2017

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