



Veterans Advisory Committee Minutes

September 8, 2016

3:00 – 4:00

Room I4-402

MEMBERS	Evan Adelson	Kathy Fennessey	Susan Topham
	Jordan Agricola	LaWanda Foster	Tonya Whitfield
	Ivonne Alvarez	Ramiro Hernandez	
	Angie Avila	Leroy Johnson	
	Danene Brown	Suzanne Khambata	
	Claudia Estrada	Dulce Lopez	

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome and Introductions

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Committee Members introduced themselves and welcomed Jeannette Langrehr, SVO Vice President<u>Absent Committee Members</u>: Evan Adelson, Ivonne Alvarez, Danene Brown, and Kathy Fennessey.
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AGENDA ITEM 2: Veterans Resource Center Updates

COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION	<p>The VRC staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Three Student Workers – Brandon, Adam, JordanThree VA Tutors – Jonathan Wubbolding, Freddy Cervantez, Josh HilkeNew Hire; Jim, classified staff is supporting our student workers in the VRC T-TH from 9-5pm and Friday from 9-3pm <p>Additional updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">We have two A-frames and two pillars that advertise the VRC locationDiscussion on possibly using arrows to point out the location of the VRC was brought upA request for Air Conditioning in the VRC was submittedFurniture has been moved around to open up and separate space for socializing, studying, and tutoring.The VRC has been fairly busy. The numbers are higher this year.We are hoping for a bigger space in the future as the numbers continue to get higherRamiro is available for academic counseling on Thursday from 1-2pm and 4-5pm in the VRC.Jeanette mentioned that a few professors have added the location of the VRC in their syllabusSusan will encourage counselors to advertise the VRC in their classroom/syllabus but it's up to the professor's purview
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AGENDA ITEM 3: Academic Year Events and Activities

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>In-person Student Veteran's Orientation: 10/20 and 10/27</p> <p><u>Veterans 3 Day Celebration: Nov. 8th - 10th</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee is exploring ideas and will need to start planning as soon as possible. <p>Tuesday, Nov 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President - Opening Statement BBQ and Air Suit Wrestling from 10-1pm Location (TBD) Facilities – tables and chairs Donna Duchow – Veteran Panel Decorations (TBD) <p>Wednesday Nov 9th or Thursday Nov 10th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile Vet Center
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AGENDA ITEM 4: Roundtable – Additional Events

<p>COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION</p>	<p><u>Future Possibility:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organic Farming Program Women's Veterans Conference will be coordinated possibly in the Spring 2017 Veterans Graduation Reception – TB <p><u>Transfer Center:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Santa Barbara Tour is still available for September 9th at 6:30am. Event information is available on the SD Mesa Website Possee will be visiting our campus October 17-19th . They recruit students for elite university <p><u>Career:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Fair – October 20th 9-1pm Transfer Day – October 4th 9-1pm – 45 to 50 reps <p><u>Student Health Services:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Fair – October 27th Peace w/ Police - October 18th from 11-1pm SD Gourmet Pizza Fest – Sept 17th Rebecca promotes Student Health at the VRC <p><u>SVO:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soldiers Who Salsa: Every Wednesday in room L102 from 5-6pm San Mateo College – Veterans Leadership Summit Oct 7th - 9th Veterans Day Parade – November 11th Stretch For Vets (yoga) - Nov 20th Jordan will be attending the Student Veterans Of America Leadership on Sept 29th <p><u>Culinary Arts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering food to the VRC next Monday Sept 12th? Pancake Social – 4/4/16 from 8-11am
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Next Meeting: October 13, 2016

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