



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2022**

Committee Members							
X	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	X	Bill Lambert		Sgt. Brian Owen	X	Kaitlyn Yrineo
X	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair (fac)	X	Renu Katoch	X	Karelyn Hoover		
X	Christina Cammayo (fac)	X	Shelly Laddusaw	X	Julia Walker	X	Jeze Lopez (guest)
X	Thuy Pham (fac)	X	Rosie Esparza		Diana Giannone (Community)	X	Brenda Ricarte (guest)
X	Rigo Estrada	X	George Rodriguez	X	Carlos Romero (Student)		
X	Barbara Carrillo		Ken McAlpin	X	An Ha (Student)		

I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement (3 min)

We will begin this meeting with a Land Acknowledgement to recognize the native peoples whose land upon which Mt. SAC resides.

Mt. SAC is geographically situated on the traditional lands of the Tongva peoples. I ask you to join me in acknowledging their community, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. May we honor the land and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. Thank you.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes for December 6, 2021 (5 min)

III. Updates (20 minutes)

- New members – Dr. Karelyn Hoover, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences and Bill Lambert, Executive Director of Development
- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo): Rigo welcomed Dr. Hoover and Bill Lambert to the committee. Rigo and Brenda shared a presentation with CalFresh Outreach information and updates. They supported 540 students with CalFresh benefits during Fall 2021. In Winter 54 student applied and so far for Spring 281 students have applied for CalFresh. Rigo shared goals of CFO team and measurable goals.
 - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): Brenda shared photos from CFO week, and reported the event was very successful. Cutouts were a big success; many colleges are reaching out to Rigo on some of the promo items. Working with Financial Aid has helped with increase in our numbers. Information on application assistance was provided. There has been some improvement with communication with county offices.
 - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo): Launching the snack program, this is an extension of the food pantry. This program helps unify the message of the food pantry, engage with students. Non-credit and Pride Center will be receiving snacks. The goal is to get other offices and programs involved in the snack program. Rigo will share the spring food pantry flyer with the group.
 - Housing (Rigo): there have been a total of 32 applications for referral services. Currently there are 7 students pending housing. How long does the housing last for? Students can stay housed as long as they maintain the requirements, enrolled in school. Same concept with rapid re-housing except for they are expected to look for continued housing.
 - Case management (Rigo): Team of 3 social workers that provide case workers. Case management for fall was 53, winter 25 and for spring currently they have 20 cases.

- Basic Needs Resources online application (Rigo): team will get the application, access and contact the students. Goal is for staff to know about this application and encourage students to apply for assistance if it is needed. The webpage shows the assistance that is offered. In the process of updating some of the tools on the application. Working with IT team to add a button where students can request an appointment ahead of time.
- NEA Higher Education Conference Presentation on March 19 in Baltimore
- Basic Needs Committee webpage revamp: <https://www.mtsac.edu/governance/committees/bnc/>

IV. Presentation and Q&A (0 min)

- Next Month – Mountie Meals – Professor Michelle Nava

V. Discussion (60 min)

- Basic Needs Resources Budget Presentation
- Effectively Supporting Our Students...a Conversation

VI. Good of the Order (2 min):

- Academic Senate: Low-Cost Textbook Designation passed. Pauline provided information on this, class materials that cost less than \$40 will get a designation.
- Tzu Chi USA Compassion in Action Walkathon 2022 on 4/16 (let's assemble a Mt. SAC Team and get our steps in to support our partner!): <https://tzuchi.us/walkathon>

VII. Next Meeting

- March 21, 2022 @1:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn