



**Homelessness and Basic Resources Committee (HBRC)  
Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2017**

**Attended:** Debbie Cavion, Nadine Hernandez, Irene Martinez, Livier Martinez, Sgt. Paul Miller, Kim (Loni) Nguyen), Giovanni Rodriguez, Logan Snyder, Pauline Swartz, Koji Uesugi, Maricela Vazquez

**Absent:** Jeze Lopez, Kenneth McApin, Susie Chen

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m.

**I. Call to Order & Welcome/Introductions**

- Koji Uesugi (HBRC Committee) welcomed the committee members.
- Members introduced themselves.
- Koji provided an overview of the agenda and focus of the meeting.

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes were approved with the following corrections made: Vazquez instead of Vasquez; Snyder instead of Synder; announced instead of announed last paragraph of page 2).

**III. Homeless Student Survey Update**

- PTK Students have revised the survey which was submitted for IRB approval. The goal is to send the survey out through the student portal by next week. This survey is important in order to identify the needs of the homeless population at Mt. SAC. Surveys have the opportunity for students to volunteer to participate in future focus groups or interviews. At this time, the survey is still pending IRB approval.

Koji will follow-up and inform the committee as soon as IRB has approved the survey.

- Giovanni and Debbie provided input regarding the poor state of existing showers for students in the Gym, Building 3 (an older construction). There are currently 5 private stalls for women and a general stall for men. The five private showers on the women's side are in better condition than the men's shower.

It was determined that some time in the future, Debbie will lead a few members of the committee to view the condition of the facilities. Recommendations for improvement can be made at that time.

- Discussion among committee members ensued, noting the need to identify the resources on campus for homeless students to access.

**IV. HBRC Goal Alignment**

Committee members reviewed the functions of the HBRC committee, as well as the college goals in order to establish goals that are aligned with those of the college and the committee’s functions.

The following five goals were established:

	<b>Committee Goal</b>	<b>Link to College Goal #</b>
Goal #1	Committee website up-to-date	6,11,15
Goal #2	Identify the needs of the homeless student population at Mt. SAC and report on the findings.	1,8,9,11
Goal #3	Identify existing services and resources, and evaluate their effectiveness.	1,8,12,13,14
Goal #4	Develop effective outreach strategies to inform the campus community about basic resources available to students.	8,9,12,14
Goal #5	Create partnerships with local, regional, and statewide public and private agencies to provide resources for students in need.	1,9,12,13,14

**V. Co-Chair Nomination/Appointment**

Having a faculty member as a co-chair provides diversity and direct connection to the students. Pauline Swartz, Faculty member volunteered and was appointed as Co-Chair of the Homelessness and Basic Resources Committee.

**VI. Hunger Free Campus Initiative**

- Koji provided an overview of this funded initiative granted to Mt. SAC and other community colleges. The \$68,000 can be spread out over 2.5 years through June 2020. There are two required activities for colleges: 1) the college must provide some type of regular distribution of food on campus; and 2) colleges must promote Cal Fresh and assist students in applying to the program.
- There are also efforts underway statewide to implement ongoing funding for basic resource needs, but this is still in the early stages.
- Members discussed the idea of having a CalFresh Day (aka MountieFresh Day) as a kick-off event to the nutritious food program. Other ideas included linking this event to healthy grocery shopping ideas as Jeze Lopez offers for foster youth, as well as providing lunch bags as promotional items for MountieFresh Day. Another suggestion was that Sodex partner with Mt. SAC to offer a subsidized, low-cost meal to students year round.

This will be discussed in future meetings.

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 20 at 1:00 p.m. (9C-5)