



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2021**

Committee Members							
x	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair		Marisa Fierro	x	Sgt. Brian Owen	x	Kaitlyn Yrineo
x	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair (fac)	x	Renu Katoch	x	Romelia Salinas	x	Ana Sanchez (guest)
x	Christina Cammayo (fac)	x	Shelly Laddusaw		Julia Walker		Jeze Lopez (guest)
	Thuy Pham (fac)	x	Rosie Esparza	x	Diana Giannone (Community)		Bill Lambert (guest)
x	Rigo Estrada	x	Irene Martinez	x	Courtney Darcy (Student)	x	Amelia Simek (guest)
x	Barbara Carrillo		Ken McAlpin		Shawal Bhalli (Student)	x	Brenda Ricarte (guest)

**I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

*We will begin this meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.*

*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 May 3, 2021 (5 min)**

**III. Updates (15 minutes)**

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo)
  - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): Brenda shared progress has been steady, checking in with students and follow ups. Outreach team calls, emails, and texts students to keep communication open and help with advocating. The team only has one contact for LA County liaison to help students. Continuing DHH workshops and office hours and every Monday they provide outreach to DHH students. They are going live on Instagram with the Reach program; they will promote the flyer on social media. Rigo, thanked Brenda for making the CalFresh video. They will be making short mini-series CFO videos. “I applied what’s next,” will be the next short video that Brenda will work on. Then the follow up video will be, “I now have my EBT card, so now what?” New basic needs assistant, Lorena, has been working with the Reach program in creating a story line and IG live. Case management is getting organized, and Lorena has been helping Rigo with this. Has created an inventory intervention sheet and modified their notes page. Tzu Chi contacted and informed the students who have been awarded. Students have contacted Rigo to share their gratitude. Updated a link tree on Instagram. This allows students to click on the link and get connected to different resources. Showed the new CFO video that Benda made. Rigo along with Pauline and Koji had a good discussion with department chairs last week in the Humanities and Social Science Division and learned about the practices and ideas from faculty.
  - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo): summer schedule has been determined and working on a flyer which will be shared with the group once the flyer is complete.
    - Next Drive-Thru Pantry @ Lot A on 5/19/21 from 10:00-12:00

**IV. Presentations and Q&A (20 min)**

- Health Services (Irene Martinez): Irene presented along with Dr. Ana Sanchez. Provided some information how they continued to connect with students during the campus closure. Occupational Therapist, Dr. Ana Sanchez provided referral information and contact information along with the services she provides. Next event is De-stress event, can find information of all their upcoming events and workshops on their website: [https://www.mtsac.edu/healthcenter/events/destress\\_fest\\_spring\\_2021.html](https://www.mtsac.edu/healthcenter/events/destress_fest_spring_2021.html)

**V. Discussion (45 min)**

- Review and discuss outcomes for BNC goals 5-8 in preparation for year-end submission (Pauline and Koji): Pauline shared the goals and progress sheet. Had discussion and filled in more of the goals and outcomes on the form.

**VI. Good of the Order (All) (2 min):** LA County training, Diana said they will be offering more training and apologized for any inconvenience from the technical difficulties at the last training session.

**VII. Next Meeting**

- June 7, 2021 (Zoom) - Dept. Spotlight (Foundation)
- Meetings for summer - June 21 and/or July 19?

**VIII. Adjourn**