



Student Equity Committee – APPROVED Meeting Notes
April 8, 2024 / 2:30pm to 4:00pm / Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Lara (Co-Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelby White-Tremazi | <input type="checkbox"/> Francesca Gambini |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Nixon (Co-Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Amos | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urias Garcia |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Quiñones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mercedes Cunningham | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logan Wells (A.S. Rep.) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anabel Perez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Vang | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tami Pearson | |

Research Team Guests: Lisa Didonato

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Item	Agenda Topic	Notes	Meeting Outcomes
1.0	Land Acknowledgement	Anabel Perez conducted the land acknowledgement.	N/A
2.0	Recap of Pride Center Discussion	Eric Lara opened the floor for committee members to provide their input from previous meeting of the Pride Center presentation from faculty Cara Tan and students. The committee members feedback: (1) the Pride Center needs a larger space for staff, faculty, and students to conduct the center’s events; (2) imperative to include Pride Center in PIE for campus support; (3) the Pride Center would have more visibility if under the Student Services Division; (4) present the data on enrollment with students who identify LGBTQ+; and (5) revert to F/T faculty instead of 12 LHE per year.	N/A
3.0	Review Meeting Notes: March 25, 2024	Bruce Nixon presented the March 25, 2024 meeting notes; the committee reviewed and gave updates.	The committee members approved the meeting notes with the updates.
4.0	Equity Champion Workgroups: 1.Hispanic Serving/El Centro/Non-Native Speakers 2.African American/Minority Male/LGBTQ+/Formerly Incarcerated/Veterans/Honors 3.Credit/Noncredit/Older Adults/Lifelong Learners 4.Native American	Anabel Perez reported the upcoming El Centro event on April 16, 2024 in MCC at 4-6pm Noche de Arte. Anabel recommended to read <i>Debunking the Grit Narrative in Higher Education</i> by former Mt. SAC bridge alumni Dr. Julio Fregoso. The book draws strengths of African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latinx, and Native American Students. A chapter in the book called <i>Beyond the Bootstraps Mentality: The Fallacy of</i>	N/A

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	5.ACCESS	<p><i>Grit as a Measure of Success for Black and Latino Men in California Community Colleges.</i></p> <p>Mercedes Cunningham reported an upcoming collaboration event from CBCSS, Equity Center, and the Pride Center on April 30, 2024 in MCC at 3-5pm GAYpril Queer Crafting. The State Chancellor’s office is hosting a free online event the week of April 22 – 26, 2024 Black Student Success Week. CBCSS hosted numerous events in February, 2024 (click here for flyer); it was well attended by students, faculty, and staff; it was good student engagement, light levity of joy, intentional cohesion, and comradery.</p> <p>Bruce Nixon shared the Pride Center event called Mentorship with Pride on March 28, 2024 in MCC at 4-6pm; the event was well attended with students and faculty; it was a dynamic event. Bruce also shared art professor Ellen Caldwell’s event on March 27, 2024 at 4:30-6:30pm called A Virtual Artist Talk with Ria Brodell and the book is <i>Butch Heroes</i>. The event was profound, and the main take away was fear seen in the new generation of anti-everything. Lastly, Bruce signed up to be present at the Pride Center as a faculty to show support and it was an eye opening experience.</p> <p>Lisa Amos reminded the committee that MMMC will go where student go and they serviced students in EOPS/CARE, CalWORKs, UpNext/Reach, and Rising Scholars. Upcoming project is working alongside DHH students.</p>	
5.0	SPEAC Meeting Update: Bruce Nixon	No report.	N/A
6.0	DEISA Council Update: Tami Pearson	No report.	N/A
7.0	Associated Students Update: Logan Wells	Logan Wells shared attending the APAHE Conference April 4-5, 2024; discussed student government, introduced to other student trustees from the CSU system, and witness the passing of banned insensitive mascots and monikers from all CSU.	
8.0	Research Update: Melissa Vang	Lisa DiDonato shared the presentation called <i>Data Disaggregation in a Multi-verse World: AANAPISIs and HSIs</i> ; it was also presented at the APAHE 2024 conference; it was noted the use of one combined question for race and ethnicity.	N/A
9.0	Other: A2MEND Conference recap Black History Month recap California Native American Conference Shirley Torres: Equity Speaker Series	<p>Eric Lara shared attending the A2MEND Conference on March 7-8, 2024; CBCSS sponsored 10 students to attend plus staff; amazing speaker; main take away from the keynote was general black success not just black males. A2MEND is in partnership with MMI and upcoming event on April 26, 2024 the 6th Annual Men of Color Leadership Conference.</p> <p>Mercedes Cunningham reported Black History Month: (1) film screening and discussion “Stamp from the Beginning” book by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi;</p>	

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		<p>(2) luncheon with Dr. Mica Stewart as keynote speaker; student designed program; 200 attendees; (3) Black College Expo at LA Convention; (4) Sister Circle: Galentine’s Gathering; discussed how to love oneself; write love letters to yourself activity. Lastly, CBCSS hosted Welcome Back Week February 27-March 1, 2024.</p> <p>Mercedes Cunningham shared a student success story – Maxwell is a gem of a student and received the UCR Mellon Mays undergraduate fellowship; this is a research based fellowship.</p> <p>Eric Lara shared attending the California Native American Conference alongside Primavera Reza-Nakonechny on March 17-19, 2024 in Sacramento, CA; it was geared more towards K-12 plus private native schools; connected with elders across America; beading + bird singing; 300 attended the conference.</p> <p>Eric Lara announced the next Equity Speaker Series events is on April 17, 2024 at 4-6pm in the Summit; Equity Center and Foundation collaboration presents Shirley Torres Alumna of the Year; former Bridge cohort, currently the CPO of Homeboy Industries.</p> <p>Anabel Perez announced the 39th Annual UCLA Pow Wow is on May 4-5, 2024.</p> <p>Bruce Nixon announced SEC members 1-1 meetings will begin the week of May 20, 2024 and Catherine Parks will schedule each meeting.</p>	
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Scheduled Student Equity Meeting Dates: Apr 22; May 13; 27

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