



**Student Equity Committee – APPROVED Meeting Notes**  
**March 11, 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 type="checkbox"/> Anabel Perez                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Vang        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tami Pearson        |   |

**Research Team Guests:** John Barkman

**Guests:** Primavera Reza-Nakonechny

Item	Agenda Topic	Notes	Meeting Outcomes
1.0	Land Acknowledgement	Lisa Amos conducted the land acknowledgement.	N/A
2.0	Introduction of Primavera Reza-Nakonechny	Eric Lara introduced Primavera Reza-Nakonechny as the new Director/Manager of First Peoples Native Center since Tuesday, February 20, 2024. In addition, Thomas Cortez has been assigned to FPNC as the adjunct counselor 2x per week – Monday and Wednesday.  Primavera Reza-Nakonechny introduced herself to the committee.	N/A
3.0	Review Meeting Notes: November 27, 2023	Bruce Nixon presented the November 27, 2023 meeting notes; the committee reviewed and no changes.	The committee members reviewed, no changes, and approved.
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 5.ACCESS	Eric Lara shared that the Pride Center students reached out to discuss the following concerns: (1) Pride Center space is not adequate and lends no privacy during 1-1 student meetings; (2) lack of funding to support events and office hours; and (3) lack of admin support.  Primavera Reza-Nakonechny shared upcoming/in the works FPNC events: (1) Beading Circles on Thursday, April 4th and 25th; (2) End of Year Event; and (3) Native American Heritage Month.	N/A

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		Bruce Nixon and Logan Wells shared NAISA projects: (1) Earth Day; (2) Randy DeGroat will attend the NAIA alliance at Canyon College; (3) Rising Scholars form a partnership; (4) April 19, 2024 is the next Homie Training.	
5.0	SPEAC Meeting Update: Eric Lara and Bruce Nixon	<p>Bruce Nixon reported SPEAC is on the tail end of finalizing the BPs and APs.</p> <p>Eric Lara and Bruce Nixon were asked to present about SEC on Monday, March 4, 2024; they shared information about the committee membership, Purpose/Function, Equity Champion Workgroups, and Research Team collaboration. In addition, the SPEAC committee members provided positive feedback for all the diligent work completed under the Equity Champion Groups.</p> <p>Eric Lara reported that he presented on Chaptered Legislation related to Equity, specifically SB 467: Community College: Apprenticeship or Internship Training Program, AB 1400: Student Financial Aid: College Access Tax Credit/Fund: Community College Student Transfer: Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and AB 1540: Post-Secondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption.</p>	N/A
6.0	DEISA Council Update	Tabled.	N/A
7.0	Associated Students Update	Logan Wells reported the Mascot Workgroup recommended to the Board on February 14, 2024 in adopting the proposed bear mascot – the board approved. Moving forward, additional discussions will occur to highlight the Mascot Workgroup methods in collecting surveys.	N/A
8.0	Research Update	Tabled.	N/A
9.0	Other: A2MEND Conference recap Black History Month recap	Tabled.	N/A

**Scheduled Student Equity Meeting Dates: Mar 25; Apr 8; 22; May 13; 27**

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