



**Student Equity Committee – APPROVED Meeting Notes**  
**May 13, 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 type="checkbox"/> Logan Wells (A.S. Rep.) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anabel Perez           | <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Vang                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tami Pearson        |  |

**Research Team Guests:** Lisa Didonato; John Barkman

**Guests:** N/A

Item	Agenda Topic	Notes	Meeting Outcomes
1.0	Land Acknowledgement	Lisa Amos conducted the land acknowledgment.	N/A
2.0	Review Meeting Notes: April 22, 2024	Bruce Nixon shared the meeting notes from April 22nd for the committee to review. No changes or additions.	The committee members approved the meeting notes with no changes or additions.
3.0	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	<p>Bruce Nixon announced that the Pride Center is hosting Mentorship with Pride 9C Stage “Being Out at Mt. SAC” from 4-6pm; dinner will be provided.</p> <p>Anabel Perez shared that Father Greg Boyle, founder and director of Homeboy Industries, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Biden. Witnessing Shirley Torres, Mt. SAC Alumni of the Year, be part of the celebration in the White House was inspiring.</p> <p>Eric Lara announced Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; Arise are hosting several events: May 16<sup>th</sup> at MCC from 1-3pm Story Telling Speech Contest; May 21st at MCC from 3-6pm Streaming Critical Consciousness Film “Blue Bayou” &amp; discussion; May 22nd at MCC from 3-6pm Streaming Critical Consciousness Film “Liquor Store Dreams” &amp; discussion + Q&amp;A with film director So Yun Um.</p>	N/A

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		Mercedes Cunningham announced CBCSS End of Year Celebration May 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 6-8pm Recital Hall.	
4.0	SPEAC Meeting Update: Bruce Nixon (Drop Survey)	Bruce Nixon shared the Retention & Persistence Committee PP presentation – focused on Drop Survey, not real-time per IT. Committee Feedback: Counselors may be able to provide feedback on the reasons; important to note the timeline of the drop – without ‘W’; with a ‘W’, etc.; as well as class modality.	Bruce Nixon will relay the committee’s concerns and questions to SPEAC and the Academic Senate.
5.0	DEISA Council Update: Tami Pearson	No report.	N/A
6.0	Associated Students Update: Logan Wells	No report.	N/A
7.0	Research Update: Melissa Vang	Patricia Quiñones reported on behalf of Melissa Vang. SEAP report was submitted to the State Chancellor’s Office in Fall of 2022; ‘Data on Demand’ released 2021-2022 Academic Year data; the hope is for 2022-2023 Academic Year data to be released this summer.	N/A
8.0	Year-End Report of Accomplishments	Bruce Nixon shared the Year-End Report of Accomplishments. The committee members reviewed each line item.	N/A
9.0	Other: Expiring terms and 24-25 meeting dates Schedule Committee Members 1-1 Meetings Carol Chung: Equity Speaker Series Equity program End of Year celebrations	Bruce Nixon shared the committee members expiring terms and the 2024-25 meeting dates.  Bruce Nixon reminded committee members to schedule 1-1 meetings before finals.  Eric Lara shared Equity Speaker Series guest speaker was Carol Chung with the Department of Health and Human Services; The theme was “Cultivating Tools of Wellness” on May 9 <sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in The Summit.  Eric Lara invited the committee to attend the upcoming End of Year Celebrations: Dream Program on May 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 4-6:30pm The Summit Center; FPNC May 29 <sup>th</sup> 4-6pm The Summit Center; Pride Center May 30 <sup>th</sup> 4-6pm Founders Hall; Arise Jun 4 <sup>th</sup> 4-6pm The Summit.  Anabel Perez shared El Centro Nuestra Celebration May 24 <sup>th</sup> 4-6pm 13-1700.  Urias Garcia shared EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs celebration May 16 <sup>th</sup> 4-7pm The Summit Center.	N/A

**Scheduled Student Equity Meeting Dates: May 27**

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