



Student Equity Committee – APPROVED Meeting Notes
October 28, 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"/> Garrett Staley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urias Garcia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patricia Quiñones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Gonzalez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yahir Virgen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anabel Perez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Vang | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis Echeverria Newberry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tami Pearson | |

Research Team Guests: Lisa Didonato; John Barkman

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Item	Agenda Topic	Notes	Meeting Outcomes
1.0	Land Acknowledgement and Native American Heritage Month Update	Andrea Gonzalez conducted the land acknowledgment.	N/A
2.0	Review Meeting Notes: Oct 14, 2024	Bruce Nixon shared the meeting notes from October 14, 2024; the committee members reviewed and added language to item 5.0. Committee members approved with addition to item 5.0.	The committee members reviewed the meeting notes; approved with addition to item 5.0.
3.0	Welcome - New Committee Member: Yahir Virgen (AS Representative)	Bruce Nixon welcomed new member Yahir Virgen – AS Representative; committee members also introduced themselves.	N/A
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/API/Middle Eastern	Anabel Perez shared El Centro upcoming event on Thursday, November 7, 2024: Dia de Muertos Primavera Reza-Nakonechny announced the upcoming National American Indigenous Heritage Month with a kick-off event on November 6, 2024 in the Multicultural Center. Please visit the website to view the all-month long events: https://www.mtsac.edu/fpnc/naihm/naihm.html . Luis Echeverria Newberry announced the upcoming Veterans Month celebration: https://www.mtsac.edu/veterans/ .	N/A

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5.0	SPEAC Meeting Update: Bruce Nixon	<p>Bruce Nixon reported SPEAC discussed committees overlapping Purpose & Function; a decision needs to occur to merge committees.</p> <p>Tania Anders provided additional information about the process and shared updates regarding infusing committees; option would be SEC a stand-alone committee or infused with the other 2 committees; this has an urgent timeline but discussion is needed; encouraged the committee to discuss and have a wise decision.</p> <p>Open for discussion: Student Equity Committee Purpose and Function is not similar to the other 2 committees; this group has direct student lens; this group has the intention of equity minded focus within the programs; should be a stand-alone committee; committee vs workgroup; non-credit will get lost if SEC is dismantled.</p>	Bruce Nixon and Eric Lara will provide additional feedback to SPEAC next scheduled meeting.
6.0	DEISA Council Update: Tami Pearson	No report due to out of time.	N/A
7.0	Associated Students Update: Yahir Virgen	No report due to out of time.	N/A
8.0	Research Update: Melissa Vang - USC Research Data	No report due to out of time.	N/A
9.0	Year-End Report of Accomplishments Recap	No report due to out of time.	N/A
10.0	Update on SEAP Mid-Year Report: Eric Lara Great Staff Retreat Update: Andrea Gonzalez	No report due to out of time.	N/A
11.0	Other Items/Announcements	No report due to out of time.	N/A

Scheduled Student Equity Meeting Dates: Nov 25; Mar 10; 24; Apr 14; 28; May 12

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