



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)  
Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2020**

Committee Members						
X	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair		Marisa Fiero	X	Sgt. Brian Owen	Community Rep.
X	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair	X	Renu Katoch	X	Romelia Salinas	Faculty (sabbatical)
	Christina Cammayo	X	Shelly Laddusaw		Julia Walker	X Jeze Lopez (guest)
X	Barbara Carrillo	X	Rosie Esparza			Bill Lambert (for Marisa)
X	Rigo Estrada	X	Irene Martinez		Vacant (Student)	Amelia Simek (guest)
X	Kaitlyn Yrineo		Ken McAlpin		Vacant (Student)	Brenda Ricarte

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

- Welcome new members: Brian Owen and Rosie Esparza

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes for June 1, 2020**

**III. Updates**

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo): Communication with Housing students has lessened. Resources for housing is limited, Rigo is working with the BWT to provide mental health support. Rigo reminded everyone about the Webinar on San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness (SGVC) webinar on Racism in Housing and Homelessness.
  - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): Rigo provided Shelly and Renu updates on eligibility and having ABE and Continuing Education programs exempt. Rigo reported the CFO numbers are still low since start of the pandemic. Students are receiving unemployment; they are receiving the additional \$600 so this is making them ineligible for CalFresh. Continuing to promote the specialized link where students can apply for CalFresh. Working with contractors for social media promotion and getting students to share their stories and experiences.
  - June 11 Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo/Brenda)

- Next Drive Thru Pantry on 7/9 from 10-12. Will be scaling down number of bags since the engagement has become less with students in the summer. Volunteers for this week's food pantry will be coming from In-Reach ambassadors.
- Future Food Pantry: prep area will be changing due to limited opening of building 67A and access to the work area. Will need to look at a new model for fall. Koji provided additional information and updates on the use of Building 67A and 67B. Food pantry will probably look different in the fall. Rigo provided information on providing e-cards to students in need and the best way to refer students for these benefits.

#### **IV. Discussion**

- Basic Needs Committee 2019-20 Reflections [2020-21 Goals Achievements](#)
- Basic Needs Committee 2020-21 Goals

#### **V. Good of the Order (All)**

- CARES Act (Rosie): Grant has been issued to students in the spring semester. Issued auto awards to some students, there are different amounts given based on need and units enrolled in. Additional funding has been provided. Students can apply online for this, it's an easy application process. Application deadline may be at the end of the semester, Rosie will confirm deadline date. Students who received the grant twice already will no longer be eligible for a third grant. CARES act is now available for international students, undocumented students and non-credit students. Over 200 grants were issued to undocumented students. Once a student applies they should receive their funds once a decision has been made and approved, which is about 5-7 business days. Application link: <https://mtsac.academicworks.com/opportunities/5197>

#### **VI. Next Meeting**

- August 3, 2020
- Return to regular 2x a month meetings starting September 2020

#### **VII. Adjourn**