



**Basic Needs Committee (BNC)
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2021**

Committee Members						
X	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	X	Marisa Fierro	X	Sgt. Brian Owen	Kaitlyn Yrineo
X	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair (fac)	X	Renu Katoch	X	Romelia Salinas	
	Christina Cammayo (fac)	X	Shelly Laddusaw	X	Julia Walker	Jeze Lopez (guest)
X	Thuy Pham (fac)	X	Rosie Esparza		Diana Giannone (Community)	Bill Lambert (guest)
X	Rigo Estrada	X	Irene Martinez	X	Courtney Darcy (Student)	Amelia Simek (guest)
X	Barbara Carrillo		Ken McAlpin	X	Shawal Bhalli (Student)	X Brenda Ricarte (guest)

I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

We will begin this meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

Mt. SAC is geographically situated on the traditional lands of the Tongva peoples. I ask you to join me in acknowledging their community, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. May we honor the land and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. Thank you.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes for March 1, 2021 (5 min)

III. Updates (15 minutes)

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo): Together We Rise, students have contacted Rigo reported they are in the interview process, total of 15 students will be interviewed this week and next week.
 - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): Outreach has slowed down; 2-3 applications are being submitted a week. Team is working on follow up with 600+ applications that were submitted since February. Have been able to advocate for several students who were deemed ineligible but in fact are eligible for benefits. Rigo and his team have a meeting with LA County assistors scheduled for next week.
 - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo)
 - Next Drive-Thru Pantry @ Lot A on 4/7/21 from 10:00-12:00
 - Working on marketing and advertising on food that will be provided at the food pantry.

IV. Presentations and Q&A (20 min)

- Julia Walker and Courtney Darcy on Associated Students and Student Life

V. Discussion (45 min)

- #RealCollege report (Koji)
 - <https://www.avlaunch.me/realcollege>
 - Discuss Mt. SAC report on April 19 meeting. Please read the reports before the meeting.

VI. Good of the Order (All) (2 min)

- Rosie, Financial Aid disbursed emergency funds to 14,382 credit students. Amounts range \$50-1200, still accepting CARES referral. They are trying to determine how to distribute these grants to non-credit students.

VII. Next Meeting

- April 19, 2021 (Zoom)

VIII. Adjourn