

**GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MULTICULTURAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2019 / 12:30pm-1:30pm
SM267**

The Multicultural & Community Engagement Committee Meeting was called to order 12:30 p.m. with Tzoler Oukayan chairing.

Present: Becka Cooling (Senate); Jennifer Krestow (Proxy for Rachel Ridgway); Sarah Mecheneau (Guild); Nane Kakosian (CSEA); Patrik Namagardi (CSEA); Nancy Medina (Joint Faculty); Tina Andersen-Wahlberg (Administrator); Tzoler Oukayan (Administrator - Chair); Vanessa Angeles (ASGCC); Alyssa Aldaz (ASGCC);

Absent: Rachel Ridgway (Joint Faculty)

Guest: Anthony Garcia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 23, 2019

It was MSC (Patrik Namagardi / Nancy Medina) that the minutes of May 23, 2019 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

MCEC

- How to increase faculty participation in Service Learning:
 - make announcements at department/faculty meeting
 - Present it to Division Chairs, and ask them to share with faculty

DREAM Resource Center

- Anthony Garcia shared the following information:

Dream Resource Center Events

- **Welcome Day (Sept. 11)**
- **Know Your Rights (Sept. 25)**
 - Workshop in which a representative from the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, Los Angeles (CHIRLA) came to talk to faculty, staff, and students about the rights that everyone has regardless of immigration status.
- **DACA Banner Drop (Oct. 9)**
 - Students from the on-campus AB 540 and ally club, V.O.I.C.E.S, designed and decorated a banner in support of the #SAVE DACA campaign.
- **Week of Action (Oct. 14-17)**
 - Week of Action is a designated week where all community colleges in California bring awareness to the achievements and struggle of AB 540 students. There are different events for each day of the week.
- **Monday 14th:** The week starts off with a DACA panel, where DACA-mented alumni will talk about their achievements and struggles.
- **Tuesday 15th:** There is a spoken word events where AB 540 students and allies will share their thoughts, feelings and experiences of living through these times.

- **Wednesday 16th:** There will be a CA Dream Act workshop to help AB 540 students apply for financial aid.
- **Thursday 17th:** There will be another Know Your Rights workshop to inform the community about their rights.
- **CA Dream Act Workshop (Nov. 20)**
 - Workshop to help students learn the ins and outs of applying for state financial aid through the CA Dream Act. A financial aid counselor and DRC counselor is there to assist students step by step through the application.
- **AB 540 Transfer Workshop (Oct. 23 & Nov. 6)**
 - Workshop to assist students with the UC and CSU transfer application process. Students are able to use computers to complete applications and are able to make an appointment with the DRC counselor in case they don't finish or if they have any questions on the transfer process.
- **Mental Health Awareness (Nov. 20)**
 - Natalia Sanchidrian, a Spanish best-selling author, will come talk about mental health awareness. Ms. Sanchirian will give tips on self-care and how to deal with stress. The event is open to all of the GCC community.
- **Dia de los Muertos (Nov. 4 & 5)**
 - Cultural event to celebrate and showcase the Latinx traditions of day of the dead.
 - Monday: Aztec Dancers
 - Day of the Dead Bread
 - Arts & Crafts: Skull Decorating
 - Tuesday: Face Painting
 - Day of the Dead Bread
 - Arts & Crafts: Skull Decorating

Pride Center

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Pride Center Events

Summer 2019

- Outlined and created a level II Safe Zone Training
- Outreach efforts to establish a listserv of students and staff that identify themselves as allies. With consent from staff, a list of LGBT-friendly staff is posted on Pride Center site.
- The consultant collaborated with silos both on and off campus to create, promote, and plan for workshops and social gatherings for the fall semester.
- The consultant led weekly group meetings and leadership development training for Peer Educators (student workers) and oversaw their tasks.
- The consultant created and is continuing to develop the Pride Center webpage for students seeking resources, LGBT-friendly colleges, scholarships, and more.
- Students came to the Pride Center to talk about challenges that come along with an LGBTQ+ identity.

- Students also talked about classes and majors. Consultant referred to appropriate silos on campus.
- Designed and ordered a table cloth to promote Pride Center during tabling events

Fall 2019

- Pride Center Open House
- Welcome Day tabling
- The ABC's of LGBT
- Crossroads of privilege and oppression
- Classroom presentations for sociology, psychology, and EMT professors
- Students have been coming in talking about classes, majors, transfer, mental health, and careers. The consultant has been referring accordingly.
- Let's Chat Series: the consultant facilitated and led a student discussion group on topics that impact the LGBTQ+ community.
- Ambassador Training for the Welcome Center
- Designed and ordered promotional items such as shirts and hats.

The Rest of the Fall Semester:

- More Let's Chat Series: the consultant facilitates and leads a student discussion group on topics that impact the LGBTQ+ community.
- Workshop on Healthy Masculinity
- Workshops on Bystander Intervention: Upstand to assault and violence
- Movie and Discussion
- Planned Parenthood presentation
- Inclusive Sex Education Jeopardy
- National Coming Out Day
- EMT Edition: The ABC's of LGBT
- Tutors' Edition: The ABC's of LGBT
- Affirmative Consent
- Home for the Holidays: Thanksgiving Luncheon: Navigating the family gatherings as an LGBT person (Communication style, how to manage positive and negative comments from family regarding your identity, how to self-regulate and self-care, acknowledge and accept where family is in their process, compassion training and self-acceptance)
- Safe Zone level I training.
- Created a survey to assess LGBTQ+ student and ally needs

The Pride Center continues to work on:

- Continuing outreach efforts to establish a listserv of students and staff that identify themselves as allies. With consent from staff, a list of LGBT-friendly staff is posted on Pride Center site.
- The consultant continues to collaborate with silos both on and off campus to create, promote, and plan for workshops and social gatherings for the fall semester.
- The consultant continues to lead weekly group meetings and leadership development training for Peer Educators (student workers) and oversees their tasks.
- The consultant is continuing to develop the Pride Center webpage for students seeking resources, LGBT-friendly colleges, scholarships, and more.

- Students continue coming to the Pride Center to talk about challenges that come along with an LGBTQ+ identity that include: staff refusal to acknowledge preferred names and pronouns, harassment from other students regarding their gender expression and sexual identity, students report that some professors make condescending remarks such as “Back in my day, men were men and women were women.” Such remarks are discriminatory and damaging to students that identify as LGBTQ+ and create an unsafe environment.

UPDATE

MCEC Programs/Volunteer Fair

- 101 summer bridge students requested mentors and are matched with one of the 15 SPARK Mentor
- 28 organizations attended the fair, and more than 200 students participated

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 14, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Tzoler Oukayan at 1:07 pm

Minutes recorded by:

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