

Santa Ana Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2013

Members present were: Adeli Durón, Brandon Rocke, Catherine Ward, Dorothy Swayne, Esteban Sanchez, George Sweeney, Joseph Alonzo, Lance Knight, Lilia Tanakeyowma, Liliana Quinlan, Loy Nashua, Mathew Beyersdorff, Maureen Robles, and Peggy Card-Govela.

Members absent were: Alberto Manetta, Dawn Valencia, Dora Escobar, Jessica Linares, Kolin Williams, Marshall Thomas, Nancy Montgomery, and Ron Wilson.

Guests were: Brenda Estrada, Dennis Varnum, Diane Steele, and Violet Romero

1. Welcome, Purpose of Today's Meeting
 - Lilia Tanakeyowma, Dean of Student Affairs, welcomed committee and allowed time for member introduction. Followed by discussion of purpose and role for a Veterans advisory committee in Santa Ana College.

2. Veterans Resource Center Introduction
 - Dorothy Swayne, Financial Aid Coordinator for Veterans Resource Center (VRC), identified the types of assistance her department provides to Santa Ana College Veteran students. Information on the increase in visitors to the VRC and future prospects for this department were acknowledged.
 - Violet Romero, Veterans Services Coordinator for Drop Zone, introduced the Drop Zone and expanded on the benefits of the program being campus.

3. Veterans Upward Bound Program Introduction
 - Joseph Alonzo, Student Services Coordinator for Veterans Upward Bound Program (VUB), introduced the VUB program, its history and recognized the awards presented to the VUB program. Data was provided on current participants and identified additional services that will be provided by the program in future semesters.

4. Mission and Role of Veterans Advisory Committee
 - Loy Nashua, Associate Dean of Student Development, initiated a group discussion on the role of the committee. Following the discussion, with member participation, the frame work for the Advisory mission was created.

5. Upcoming Events and Community Opportunities

- Loy Nashua briefly made announcements and distributed an information packet about Soldiers to Scholars event.
- Brenda Estrada, Veterans Certification Officer at CSUF, dispersed information on CSUF's Veterans Scholarship Program for transfer students.