



DREAMERS TOGETHER TASKFORCE

Meeting Summary

January 8, 2021

4:00pm to 5:00pm, via Zoom

Attendees: Flavio Medina-Martin, Esther Villegas-Sandoval, Marilyn Jimenez, Priscilla Benitez, Cyndi Bendezu, Dr. Jasmine Ruys

Start time: 4:05 pm

A. Welcome, Happy New Year!

B. Results from Spring 2021 Townhall Poll, **Flavio**

1. The poll question townhall option where taken from the *July 2020 Dreamers Together Virtual Resource* event. There were a total of 16 responses out of the 74 people surveyed. The top 10 townhalls include the following:

	Topic	Keep	Table
1	Mindfulness, Meditation, and Yoga	X	
2	Promoting Inclusive Spaces for our Undocumented Students	X	
3	Movie Night-Movie Open for Discussion	X	
4	Educational Counseling/Online Educational Resources	X	
5	Mental Health Counseling (UCLA)	X	
6	Legal Resources – CHIRLA/Immigration Resources (Heaton)	X	
7	Community Organizing 101	X	
8	Student Support – EOPS/CARE	X	
9	Student Artwork Expression/Artivism 101	X	
10	Grad school + entrepreneurship	X	
	Undocumented Hustle: Exploring Entrepreneurship for Undocumented Students		X
	Student Alliances at COC		X
	Undocumented Students and STEM		X
	Know Your Rights		X

- The townhall options where scored the lowest and not selected as the top 10 will be explored for fall 2021.

- The Dreamers Taskforce chairs met and discussed then voted on the 4 townhall ideas for spring 2021. The following townhalls have been selected:
 - **February 2021 (Date/Time TBD): Educational Counseling/Online Educational Resources**
 - Possible presenter ideas include Connie Perez with Counseling, or a representative from Financial Aid, DSPS, Calworks or Joy Shoemate with OER.
 - **March 2021 (Date/Time TBD): Financial Literacy**
 - Esther is following up with *Latinas Talk Dinero* a financial literacy resource. Many undocumented students are unaware that they have the ability to invest in the stock market. They can also learn about budgeting, side hustle work and have a savings account.
 - **April 21, 2021 (4-5pm): Mindfulness/Activism**
 - This session has been presented in the past by Melody Klinglenfuss with CHIRLA and in partnership in Antelope Valley College (AVC).
 - There is another possibility of partnering with our Art Department and connecting with the Art Department Chair, Pamela Lewis. This would be a great way for undocumented students to express themselves through Art.
 - Flavio will follow up with both Melody Klinglenfuss with CHIRLA and with AVC to confirm if this date/time works. There is another suggestion to reach out to the Immigrants Rising Organization to seek out a presenter.
 - **May 2021: Mental Health Counseling**

C. Discussion

1. Spring 2021 Townhalls, **Flavio, Esther, Stephenie and Marilyn**
 - For FLEX Week, the main idea is *alliedship* and to promote exclusive space.
 - Funding for Speakers Fees: There are some speakers which charge \$500-\$1000. There are other organizations which charge between \$15,000 and \$20,000. It may be possible to connect with Paul Wickline and see how Guided Pathways funds could be allocated towards speaker fees. Is it possible for the Dreamers Taskforce to host their own fundraising to collect funds for speaker fees?
 - The date for this work is still TBD. Cyndi Bendezu will follow up with Iliana Perez from Immigrants Rising to see if COC can receive a discount.
 - Perhaps the Dreamers Taskforce can locate and apply for a grant such as the CA Endowment, and seek funds local non-profits.
 - Dr. Jasmine Ruys will work toward identifying possible presenter funds for the Dreamers Taskforce.
2. Review Flyer, **Flavio, Esther, Stephenie and Marilyn**

3. Help with Recruitment! Flavio, Esther, Stephenie and Marilyn

- How can we increase participation and marketing?
 - Create a Dreamers Together Social Media page. Dr. Jasmine Ruys will be hiring a student adult hourly to run the Social Media page.
- How can we be more effective in distributing information regarding our townhalls to students?
 - It may be possible to ask professors to ask students to attend townhalls via CANVAS.
- Should we ask alliance leads to post flyers or professors to provide EC for participation?
 - It may be possible in the future to do more marketing with student through the Multi-Cultural Center (MCC). As the MCC will house the Dreamers Together Taskforce.

4. Undocumented Student Alliance Group, Esther & Marilyn

- Need for a Taskforce member to take the lead

D. Announcements

1. California Dream Network is hosting first DRC Coalition Call of the year, Esther

- Details:

Wednesday, January 13 from 11AM-12:30PM To register, contact:

melodyk@chirla.org

- This webinar will cover legislative updates. Many undocumented communities are hopeful that the new incoming President Biden will pass Immigration Reform.

E. Closing Comments

1. Request by chair Flavio-Medina Martin to submit an agenda item to Classified Senate regarding a discussion on the Multi-Cultural Center (MCC). This would provide an opportunity to share an overview of the functions, goals and resources of the MCC including Dreamers Together Taskforce. Marilyn will forward this request to the Classified Senate E-board including President Michael Monsour. It may be possible to have the MCC as an agenda item for either fall or march 2021.
2. Next Monthly Dreamers Together meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19th.

F. Adjournment: 5:15pm