



DREAMERS TOGETHER TASKFORCE

Meeting Summary

September 29, 2021

2:00pm to 3:00pm, via Zoom

Presenter: Basilio Hernandez (AVC College)

Start Time: 2:00pm

- A. Welcome to our Fall 2021 Monthly DTT meetings!
- B. Faculty Chair (EVS) stepping down.
 1. Welcome our New Faculty Co-Chair, Dr. Hernan Ramirez (Sociology Instructor)
 - The DTT chairs introduced Dr. Hernan Ramirez as the new DTT faculty chair who will be replacing Esther Villegas-Sandoval. Dr. Ramirez is a sociology professor whose expertise is on Mexican immigration, ethnic immigration, and has conducted extensive research in this area. Dr. Ramirez has also taught classes on immigration and is currently focusing on the situation with Haitian refugees.
 - Flavio lead a discussion the current immigration issue facing the country with many immigrants' caravans coming up to the border. In regards to immigrant undocumented students the objective is to not have them feel judged. What can the campus do to make them feel welcomed? Why do we care? Dreamers advocates are the 1st responders to undocumented students.
 - There is an IE2 Retreat coming up.
- C. 2021/2022 Committee Meeting Schedule
 1. Date/Time:
 - Sep 29, 2021 02:00 PM
 - Oct 27, 2021 02:00 PM
 - Nov 24, 2021 02:00 PM
- D. [Motto, Mission, Vision](#) –Update
 1. This is still pending.
- E. Planning for Fall 2021 and USWoA 2021, **(pg. 2)**
 1. Townhalls (2): September, November
 - September, Dreamers Financial Aid Campus Townhall
 - October, TDB (will host USWoA)
 - November, TBD, something festive and congratulatory
 - There is proposal to host a Poetry as Art event as a November townhall. This event would celebrate student voices and help create resilience.
- F. Planning for our upcoming [CCCO 5th Annual UndocuWeek of Action \(October 18-22, 2021\)](#), hybrid

format, Brainstorming with Cyndi Bendezu & Jessica Sanchez-Galvan

1. *CCCCO hosting virtual webinars every day from 10/18-10/22 – Description: During Undocumented Student Action Week, the Chancellor's Office will be hosting a daily system webinar at 1:00 p.m. from October 19-22 on critical policy frameworks and tools designed to support institutions with successful implementation of recent undocumented student policy reforms. These webinars will include topics such as a review of statewide policies, data collection and use, and innovative use of funds.*
2. Things to consider:
 - How many workshops/sessions should be held for the week?
 - There was an idea to perhaps host 1 -2 session during the USWoA or to promote the statewide CCCO USWoA events at COC. There could be possible collaboration with the Latin X Hispanic student outreach group. Both Dr. Hernan and faculty Fiorella Chauca volunteered to help lead possible USWoA events at COC.
 - There was 1 vote for a possible Financial Aid session covering AB 540, 2 votes for a mental health session and 1 vote for a legal session which would partner with CARECEN.
 - There was a reminder that the DTT has a box of Dreamers student butterfly stickers that can be shared campus wide.
 - There is a suggestion to also promote the URC event as part of USWoA.
 - How long should each workshop be?
 - What time should workshops be scheduled for?
 - What kind of workshops should be scheduled?
 - There was a suggestion to schedule more legal resource events. A list of reputable legal resources could be created and include organizations such as Immigrants Rising, CHIRLA and Jessica with the Undocumented Resource Center (URC) on campus.
 - Who can help organize and facilitate?
 - Need to invite more faculty to collaborate with the DTT on events.
 - Requests for Funds can be sent to Dr. Jasmine Ruys

G. ASG Grant 2021-2022 – what happens next? (pg. 3)

H. Announcements

1. **New!** Undocumented Student Resource Center (URC) Grand Opening/Launch Party, Thursday, October 21, 2021, Cyndi Bendezu & Jessica Sanchez-Galvan
 - Jessica has added the marketing flyer to the CANVAS shell. Faculty prefer to market via CANVAS as it more effective to reach students. The URC event will be an all-day event.
 - Loida Sanchez has created a new COC Outreach/Dreamer student information page. Loida stated that not all undocumented students are Spanish speakers or English learners. There was a proposal to organize a session and have Loida be the guest of honor. Loida will follow up with her supervisor Kari Souffa.

I. Adjournment: 3:05 pm