



DREAMER'S TOGETHER TASKFORCE

Meeting Summary

August 19, 2020

4:00am-5:00pm, via zoom

Attendees: Vida Manzo, Jasmine Ruys, Marilyn Jimenez, Stephenie Tesoro, Flavio Medina-Martin, Brian Estella-Murphy, Larry Schallert, Priscilla Benites, Hernan Ramirez, Amy Foote, Pamela Williams-Paez, Angeli Francois, Preeta Saxena.

Start Time: 4:10 pm

i. Dreamers Taskforce, Changes in Leadership

- New! Dreamers Taskforce Administrative Chair, Flavio Medina-Martin
- New! Dreamers Taskforce Faculty Chair, Esther Villegas-Sandoval
- New! Dreamers Taskforce Chair Treasure, Stephanie Tesoro
- Continue as Dreamers Taskforce Classified Chair, Marilyn Jimenez
- An announcement was made regarding the changes in membership to the Dreamers Taskforce. The Taskforce now has 4 chairs.

ii. Legislative Updates

1. [The Trump administration denial of new applications for Dreamers, July 28, 2020](#), **Esther Villegas-Sandoval**

- Esther shared a legislative update. CHIRLA has filed a lawsuit against the current administration as the administration wants to dismantle DACA. They have put out a call to Senators. There is a possibility that if there is a new Federal DREAM Act this could possibly be a pathway to citizenship. This has received a lot of controversy nationwide.
- The Chairs felt it would be helpful to have a letter of support which can be shared campus wide and have it go COC-all. This can be to demonstrate advocacy and support for undocumented students. Dr. Jasmine will follow up with PIO about what type of message and format could be sent out to students. Esther will be helping to draft an advocacy letter and all the chairs will review. The letter could be signed and endorsed by Dr. Van Hook and it will need to be run by ASG and PIO for approval. A letter could also be shared with all of the Alliance Leads by Preeta Saxena. There was some discussion regarding whether to have this letter focus on Equity or Support? This letter will also need to be reviewed by Eric Harnish. The board has also recently passed an Anti-Racism resolution.

iii. Reports/Updates

1. Update on Dreamer Together Financial Aid Town hall, September 16, 2020, **Flavio Medina-Martin**

- Many undocumented students are still unaware of the various financial aid resources available to them at COC. Dr. Jasmine Ruys will reach out to PIO about having ASG use their platform to help promote more Dreamers Taskforce events

to students.

- The Dreamers Taskforce chairs recently met with Tom Bilbruck director of Financial Aid. Discussion took place regarding finalizing the marketing content. The flyer will include information such as the CA DREAM Act, AB 540, CA Promise Grant, Scholarships. There will also be FLEX credit available for any staff or faculty who attend this event.

2. Update on August Retreat/Dreamer 101 Training FLEX Session, August 14, 2020, **Flavio Medina-Martin**

iv. Discussion

1. Planning and Prepping for Undocumented Student Week of Action, held every October
 - [This year UndocuWeek to be held October 19th-23rd, 2020](#)
 - [Last year UndocuWeek was held October 14th – 18th, 2019](#)
 - Several ideas were discussed regarding possible workshops for undocumented student week of action. The workshop ideas include a “Guided Social Hike,” “You Got a Friend in Me,” “Know Your Rights,” “Undocuhustle,” “Legal Aid,” “Mental Health,” “Guided Yoga Meditation,” and “Mental Health.”
 - There was a possible idea for a “Demystifying Dreamer Resource Center” workshop on how to protect student data. Esther will research what other colleges have done for USWoA and will email the group this information.
 - Another idea is to have the Alliance groups attend and discuss what services they have to offer.
 - A survey with possible USWoA workshops will be created and sent to the entire taskforce members to collect feedback on which workshops to offer. Stephenie will help format and compose this survey.
 - “Undocumented Students and STEM” workshop was discussed. This would be hosted by both Amy Foote and Brian Estrella Murphy in MESA. Brian will help with recruiting more students to attend this event.
 - The final USWoA marketing flyer will be forwarded to PIO for approval. The hope is to finalize all workshop topics and flyer by the 28th.
2. Planning for Dreamer Taskforce Projects for Fall 2020 & Spring 2021
3. Planning for Monthly Town hall meetings for Fall 2020 & Spring 2021
 - Several ideas were proposed for possible monthly town hall meetings such as a “Poetry Reading” workshop. This workshop could be held in partnership with Alene Terzian, Juan Buriel and Angeli Francoise.
4. [Creation of new Dreamers Taskforce sub-groups updated list as of 7.28.20](#)
 - Dreamer Taskforce Advocacy Sub-Group
 - Dreamer Taskforce Grant Allocation Sub-Group
 - These items were tabled and will return on the next month’s agenda.
 - Dreamer Student “Advocacy Club” & “Undocumented Student Alliance Group”
 - 1) network, 2) share support, and 3) organize their own events, **Preeta Saxena**
 - It was clarified that the alliance groups are different from student clubs in that in student clubs students can obtain leadership experience. This can help students obtain experience to add to UC applications under extracurricular experience. An alliance group is usually lead by a faculty or staff member and student can disengage at any time. There is a Student Alliance Training available and much of the alliance information is also available on the website.
5. Restart of the [“Lives in Limbo” Reading Group](#) for Spring 2021, **Hernan Ramirez & Juan Buriel**
 - There were 300 books ordered for anyone who is interested in reading the book and

participating in the Reading Group. More recruitment needs to take place to have more students participate in the reading group. Marketing could take place with the LatinX Alliance group. The first reading group meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18th, 2020. The meetings will take place every 2 weeks and will discuss 1-2 chapters every meeting. There was a suggestion to see if it would be possible to have the author of the book attend one of the Reading Group meeting. There is presenter fee of \$1,000. Funding to help cover presenter will need to be allocated. The reading groups will be hosted by both Hernan and Juan. Jasmine can obtain more textbooks if needed. There was also an idea to obtain an audio version of this textbook.

v. Resources

vi. Future Business

1. Dreamer Taskforce Projects and Town hall meetings for Spring 2021

ii. Adjournment: 5:30pm