



DREAMER'S TOGETHER TASKFORCE

Meeting Summary

September 11, 2020

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

Attendees: Vida Manzo, Jasmine Ruys, Marilyn Jimenez, Stephenie Tesoro, Flavio Medina-Martin, Brian Estella-Murphy, Priscilla Benites, Loida Sanchez, Larry Schallert, Cyndi Bendizu, Pamela Williams-Paez and student Sergio.

Start Time: 4:00 pm

I. Who we Are?

- Development of a formal Purpose, Objective & Mission statement of the Dreamers Taskforce, **Flavio, Esther, Stephenie & Marilyn**
 - Discussion took place regarding the creation of a Mission statement for the Dreamers Taskforce. The idea is to create a more solid foundation and communicate that the taskforce is 100% committed to creating a safe place for undocumented students.
 - Examples were shared from other colleges such as Glendale Community Colleges. Their mission statement reads as follows, "Platform of resource and information for students."
 - There is also a need to have a mission statement for the new Multicultural Center (MCC) that is being created.
 - It is also recommended to look at the mission's statements for UC, CUNY-Manhattan and NY schools.
- Creation of a possible focus group
 - There is an idea to create a sub-group which can help to brainstorm the mission statement and which could report back to the Taskforce on the progress. The following Taskforce members have volunteered to be a part of the focus group which includes, Dr. Jasmine Ruys, Brian Estrella-Murphy, Priscilla Benites, Cyndi Bendizu, Pamela Williams-Paez and student Sergio.

II. [Reports](#)

1. Update on Dreamer Together Financial Aid Town hall, September 16, 2020, **Flavio**
 - The presenter for this event has changed and will no longer be Graciela but will be Tony Sanchez. The marketing flyer will be updated to reflect the change in presenter. The event will cover information on the CA DREAM Act, CA Promise Grant and will provide information on the application process. Loida Sanchez will

reach out to local high schools to market this event. Larry Schallert also has contact and will help market this event to students. The COC marketing flyer for this event will also include a link to the Dreamers Taskforce that can direct anyone interested to visit for more information.

- The State Chancellor's office is also offering more workshop covering financial aid resources for undocumented students.

2. Update on Virtual Welcome Week Resource Fair, September 1, 2020, Flavio & Marilyn

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III. Discussion

1. Upcoming Dreamers Taskforce Events:

- Planning for Monthly Town hall meetings for Fall 2020 & Spring 2021
 - For those workshops which were not selected as the top 5 for USWoA they can be considered topics for upcoming monthly townhalls for fall 2020. The committee chairs will meet to discussion upcoming townhalls for fall 2020. There is also another set of 10 possible workshops were generated from the July 2020 Dreamers event.
 - It is suggested to reach out to CHIRLA and LULAC so they can assist with marketing events. It is recommended to host one townhall a month. Some of these townhalls could be training sessions for staff and faculty.
- Planning for Undocumented Student Week of Action, held every October, **Flavio, Esther, Stephenie & Marilyn**
 - [Last year UndocuWeek was held October 14th – 18th, 2019](#)
 - [This year UndocuWeek to be held October 19th-23rd, 2020](#)

2. USWoA Survey Results, Stephenie

- The survey collected 22 responses. The top 5 choices for workshops for the USWoA are the following:
 - Know Your Rights – with Melody Klingenfuss from CHIRLA
 - Copying with Trauma
 - Complexities of Undocumented Students – with Esther Villegas-Sandoval. Possible date of Oct. 20th or Oct. 21st.
 - Undocumented Students and STEM
 - This event will be in partnership with MESA and will be hosted by Amy Foot Director of MESA and Brian Estrella-Murphy.
 - Unraveling the Undocumented Identify – with Melody Klingenfuss from CHIRLA. There is a possibility that this event may be in partnership with Santa Monica College as they will also be hosting USWoA and have partnered with CHIRLA. If this event is larger it may be set up as a Webinar. It is suggested to get in touch with Shawn Irwin in IT to help set up event. This event may be on the Thursday of USWoA.
- Some of these workshops will be presented by in house presenters and other by

outside presenter such as CHIRLA. The idea is to host one event per day for USWoA. The idea is to also have all Dreamers Taskforce member attend the events.

3. Undocumented Student Alliance Group, **Esther & Marilyn**

- Need for a Taskforce member to take the lead

4. Update on the [Hostile Terrain 94- Moment of Global Remembrance](#) & the [Undocumented Migration Project](#), **Pamela Lewis**

- The idea for this project is to record yourself reading the name on the toe tag and the organization will do a memorial video as an advocacy project. Pamela confirmed that COC is still a partner with this organization. It is possible that this project may return in the future on campus once it is safe to do so.
- There is a possibility that this project or installation could be course content and student which view the installation could receive extra credit. Faculty may be interested in bringing in their classes from various disciplines such as Art, sociology etc. The organization will accept videos up to October 11th. They need 300,000 videos. This projects aims to humanize undocumented students as this population is much stigmatized.
- Vida will share this project with the LatinX Alliance group. There are over 2 campuses committed to participate locally. It is recommended, that due to the sensitive content, to put a disclaimer on the website. There is also an idea if there is still interest to host this event to host prior to the November election.
- If this event is hosted it is recommended to bring in Larry Schallert to help provide mental health resources for student who may experience triggers.
- It is important to also keep in mind that undocumented students may not all be of Latin descent as there may be undocumented student who are of Asian or African descent.
- Another idea is not to showcase this event but to bring awareness to this project. There may also be staff who have undocumented children or family. It is suggested to host right after this event a workshop on "Joy & Resilience."

IV. Resources

1. Continue to check Dreamer's Together Website for new resources, **Marilyn**

i. Future Business

ii. Adjournment: 6:15 pm