



DREAMERS TOGETHER TASKFORCE

Meeting Summary

May 14, 2021

4:00pm to 5:00pm

Via Zoom

Attendees: Esther Villegas-Sandoval, Flavio Medina-Martin, Larry Schallert, Jessica Galvan-Sanchez, Cyndi Bendizu, Marilyn Jimenez, Angeli Francois and Yarely Gonzalez

Start Time: 4:07 pm

A. Welcome

B. Jessica Galvan Sanchez, COC Undocumented Student Liaison

1. Intro

- Jessica shared a quick bio and introduction. Jessica has previous experience working with undocumented students and will be working closely with Director, Cyndi Bendizu in the EOPS/CALWORKS department.
- Director Cyndi has sent out communication via COC-all to inform the campus that Jessica will be the new campus wide *Dreamers Student Liaison*. There will be a physical space available for undocumented students housed in the EOPS/CALWORKS area.

2. Roles/responsibilities

- She will be responsible for collecting various resources for undocumented students such as academic, mental and health related.

C. Dreamers Together Taskforce Applied for the ASG Government 2021-2022 Grant!

1. Application was due on April 20th

D. Reviewing Townhalls from Spring 2021

1. [February 23rd: OER with Joy Shoemate and Connie Perez](#) (lowest attendance)

- This event was hosted by Esther Villegas Sandoval and Marilyn Jimenez. There was a lower attendance due to not having enough time to market this event. However, there were a few students in attendance who received various resources relating to Counseling services and OER resources.

2. [March 4th: Financial Literacy with Latinas Talk Dinero](#) (received funding/highlights)

- This event was hosted by Esther Villegas Sandoval and focused on educating attendees on financial literacy and the importance of it. The session aimed educate those of low income on how to invest and save for the future. Information was also shared relating to how undocumented people can also invest in the stock market, how they can become their own entrepreneurs and how they can save for the future.

3. [April 21st: Artivism with Basilio Hernandez](#) (received funding/highlights)

- Flavio hosted this event. There were 20 people in attendance. This was a very impactful event. The presenter started this event with a meditation exercise. The presenter outlined the activism activity will all attendees. The idea was to have everyone express and identify their pain. Music was played in the background to help all attendees relax. This event may be brought back for USWoA as a potential workshop. There is a possibility of collaboration with Larry Schallert's department. Larry has confirmed he may be able to allocated \$150.00 to help cover presenter's fees. A future event would be focused on art with an impact and would have 4-5 learning outcomes to tie to Mental Health. It may be possible to book once again Basilio Hernandez for the October 2021 USWoA.
4. [May 7th: Mental Health Counseling with Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez](#) (received funding/highlights)
- Marilyn hosted this event. There were 18-20 attendees including the DTT chairs and presenter. Dr. Elizabeth began this session by doing a ground exercise and took a poll. The poll focused on, *"How likely it is that you would seek mental Health counseling?"* she then launched this same poll question at the end of the session to compare responses. Various mental health resources were shared during this session.
- E. Update from subcommittee on [DTT Motto, Mission, and Vision](#)
1. What has been completed? What is left?
 2. Is any help needed?
 3. Is there a completion date or deadline the subcommittee feels comfortable with?
 - Jessica will follow up with the group working on the mission statement.
- F. Looking forward: Fall 2021 Townhalls and Undocumented Student Week of Action (week of October 18th)
1. Planning meeting scheduled for May 18th
 - Chairs will communicate any resolution
 - Any initial ideas/suggestions from the group?
 - Possible ideas were proposed for the Undocumented Student Week of Action (USWoA) for fall 2021, which includes mental health, activism and legal workshops.
 - There may be a possible summer 2021 retreat held and hosted in partnership with the DTT and EOPS/CalWORKS.
 - There may some funds available through Economic Development to book an outside presenter through Irene Ornelas. There are several grants available and tied towards mental Health.
 - Another suggestion is to host an event which reflects on the past year focusing on social justice and on COVID-19 experiences including a space for various alliances.
 2. Collaborative Brainstorming/Seeking Assistance:
 - Committee member to attend townhalls/workshops to take notes and create post-event reports.
 - There was a suggestion to survey the DTT Taskforce members to get an idea on the type of workshops that people may be interested in seeing for next year.
 - Monthly DTT meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Friday of the month.

- Increasing participation and marketing?
 - The idea is to host a town hall on the 1st of the month once everyone is back.
- How can we be more effective in distributing information regarding our townhalls to students?
 - Need to determine speaker fees for outside presenters. May need to prepare a report.
- Should we ask alliance leads to post flyers or professors to provide EC for participation?

G. Closing Comments

H. Adjournment: 5:00 pm