



## Minutes from 10/27 Quarterly Meeting

### 1) Introduction of Cares Force

### 2) What is Canyons Cares?

- Shared with the group the history of the Phase 1 group and then the transition to the group being rebranded as Canyons Cares.
- Outlined the main goals of CC.
- Emphasized that it is student focused, yet is a Classified led committee that serves as a sub-committee under the Classified Senate.

### 3) Work We Have Done

- Backpack campaign- Stuffed 50 backpacks with essential school supplies and distributed to any student in need of a new one.
- Helped Ujima Scholars launch this Fall by providing shirts, backpacks and pens for their incoming cohort.
- Awarded \$7,900 in Barnes and Noble (Bookstore) gift cards to participating students.
- Helped the SEED Library expand its inventory and open up the CCC branch.
- Hosted a Financial Literacy Event called Money Talks that educated students and staff on money management/investment options.
- Had a significant on-campus presence by participating in Discover Day, Welcome Day, Cougar Fest and Fall Fest.
- Awarded 98 graduating students in financial need with Cap and Gown packs for Commencement totaling over \$4,500.
- Provided funding support to our 2 Ukrainian students and survivor, Leann Garcia from the Ulvade shooting.

#### 4) Potential Spring 2023 Projects

- Commencement Cap and Gowns
- Connecting Classified online one-stop shop for resources/info.
- Spring Financial Literacy Event

#### 5) Thing to Keep in Mind

- Funding needs to be spent prior to the end of the school year.
- Things not allowed to purchase: gift cards, food (only ASG Grant \$), shirts or anything that can be seen as a gift of public funds.
- Projects need to be linked back to recruitment, retention and engagement.

#### 3) Open Forum Discussion

- Points of discussion:
- Disseminating information to students has continued to be a challenge. What are ways to improve this?
- How can COC improve equity for all students (i.e. enrollment process, website changes, retention..etc.)?
- How can the campus be more welcoming?
- How can we increase COC pride?
- What are students/staff most in need of currently?
- How can Canyons Cares assist in those efforts?
- Are there any ideas that we can add into our list of potential projects for this semester?

- Student panelists thought it was a great way to outreach to incoming/returning students by participating in Discover Day, Cougar Fest and Fall Fest.
- Student panelist shared that there should be more resources at CCC. Always has to go to Valencia Campus for events. Would like there to be a bookstore and for more events to be hosted.
- Asked if there was a bookstore at CCC. It was shared that there was a bookstore in the past, but is not currently. It was believed that it was removed due to not enough student demand. Campus Life tries to provide

some basic supplies as needed to students. The bookstore at the Valencia Campus does provide free shipping of textbooks to CCC students.

- Maybe if the online bookstore is more lively and accessible, students could order and pick-up at CCC. The items could be transferred from Valencia.
- Unsure if a bookstore is in the Facilities Master Plan for CCC.
- Student expressed she really liked having Club Rush at her old high school and how students could sign-up. It was shared that CougarFest happens in the 2nd week of the Fall and Spring semester. It is very challenging to get the word out to students. Maybe social media would help instead of email since many students don't check their email.
- The student panelists said that clubs promoting on social media don't work effectively since you would need a large following in order for students to see it or for it to be reposted. Sometimes social media works and sometimes it doesn't. It is not consistent. The posters get bombarded by other posters, so a lot of events are overshadowed since there are too many.
- Canvas is a great way to get the word out since so many people use it. Shared that student athletes have their own Canvas shell and receive notifications. It seems more urgent and pressing to look at and to not ignore.
- There is a need for human connection. It can be a fun activity. It will take time to adjust being in-person. This is so important for students and staff to know they feel supported and to be prideful. Need interaction to function and to find common ground.
- It was a large transition for the student panelists to go from online high school to college in-person. An idea is to have something linked to mental health and to have a picnic that could also encourage people to do daily activities that can improve their mental health.
- At Fall Fest, a student shared with CC that it would be great for a place on campus to grab an instrument to de-stress.
- It was asked if there is a student to staff mentor program. There was an alumni to student mentor program that was run out of the Foundation, but not sure if it is currently active due to staff turnover. This topic has been brought up often in recent district committee meetings. Justin will find out from Desiree at the Foundation if they still have an active mentor program.
- Asked if there was a summer COC bridge program for new incoming students. There are some special programs on campus such as the Promise

workshops. The Empowerment Programs have a summer bridge program for their students. There is not an official COC summer bridge program currently. The Counseling Office may be interested in doing this.

- Both students received assistance for enrolling at COC while in high school. Canyons Promise has helped create a pathway to graduating and has been a major motivator for Evelyn to stay in school. Otherwise, it would be too complicated.

10) Next Meeting-Thursday, November 10 from 3-4pm