



Minutes from 11/18/21 Meeting

- 1) The meeting with Dr. Ruys went very well. She answered a lot of questions. The \$20,000 is one-time funding and it needs to be spent before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2022. All the money will be wasted if not spent, so it may be a good idea to increase the quantity on certain items purchased before like the t-shirts. This is helpful to know during the purchasing of items and implementation of projects. Andrea mentioned how March/April may be an even better time to purchase due to supply chain issues due to COVID. This funding cannot be used for stipends, overtime and pay increases. The money should tie back to retention, engagement and recruitment. Joanna is waiting on whether gift cards will be permissible expenses or not. Sammi Escalera is the liaison when items need to be purchased. She will guide that process. Also, all the items mentioned in the budget proposal have already been approved and can be purchased.
- 2) Thank you to all who have already submitted your bios/pics for the Cares webpage. Please remember to submit them if you haven't had the chance to do so.
 - a) Marilyn/Yarely have followed up with IT to see if Canyons Cares can have a shorter url. They are still waiting on approval of that. It will definitely help make marketing much easier.
- 3) Upcoming Projects
 - a) The Campus Life and Student Engagement Department will be distributing Cougar Care packages like it usually does the week before Finals. This semester, it is planning to distribute Dec. 2 from 1-4pm in

front of Building 1B (CCC) and from 2-4pm at the flagpole at the Valencia Campus. The students can get a tote and it will be filled with snacks from Costco. If anybody would like to help with distributing, please let Joanna know.

- b) Banners- The order for the 2 banners and foam core posters is being processed and should be completed within the week. Maria will pick up the ones for CCC and Justin has agreed to pick up those allocated for the Valencia Campus.
 - c) T-shirts/polos-It was recommended by Dr. Ruys to purchase the t-shirts for the classified and confidential staff first and then a second order for the full-time/adjunct can be done next year. Joanna said Flavio said there are 17 confidential staff and 302 classified staff. Based on those numbers, Joanna will go ahead and order 330 t-shirts to be on the safe side and 16 polos for active members of Canyons Cares.
 - d) Lindsey brought up the topic of lack of athlete counseling at COC that was discussed when a student athlete was sharing feedback at the previous meeting. Lindsey found out about a man named Nico Barraza, who specializes in providing help on mental/emotional health, self-confidence, life after sport, etc...and wanted to know if this is something Canyons Cares can fund to help our athletes. He does charge \$150 an hour and is based in Flagstaff, Arizona, but is open to providing either in-person services or virtually. He has worked with athletes of all ages throughout the world. It may be beneficial in either bringing him in as a speaker, workshop(s) or individual counseling for those who need it. Joanna will check with Dr. Ruys to see if this is an allowable expense.
- 4) Feedback from ASG Directors
- a) Steven Mejorado
 - Talked about the lack of community and sense of loneliness especially after COVID.
 - Has had a great experience with getting help from staff and them being so nice.
 - MESA is a wonderful program that has helped a lot.

- Some professors are not understanding with WIFI issues at home and would like there to be more flexibility.
- The tours done by the peer advisors were really great and provided so much clarity on many questions.

b) Chase Dalton

- Really likes the little library filled with all types of books outside Mentry Hall. It is little things similar to this that add value to COC.
- Some professors do not use Canvas and it makes it challenging to know what grade you have since nothing is inputted.
- The school still needs to get the resources out in front of students. Although they have tried, there is still room for improvement.
- There should be a dialogue/survey to discuss with students who have attended in-person classes how it went this past semester and what can be improved upon.