



Minutes from 3/10 Meeting

- 1) Saideh Behbood has agreed to join the Canyons Cares team, so welcome!
- 2) Yarely shared a personal experience that happened recently with her mental health and wants to make sure that staff are prioritizing mental health and self-care. Invited Michael Graves who is an hourly staff member at the Health and Wellness Center to help guide the group through a mindfulness exercise. It was well-received by the group. This can be an ongoing exercise that CC brings to future meetings.
- 3) Dr. Ruys responded to the Spring 2022 Projects email. The following projects that were approved are the SEED Library, Essential items for the BaNC, caps and gowns, marketing/recruitment materials for Ujima Scholars, and General Alliance Support. Those groups who had their projects approved will be reached out to by Joanna and provided details on how to move forward. The projects that were not approved were a Classified Employee plaque, a used golf cart, running shoes, and break room renovation.
 - a) The primary reason for those denied was that the projects did not directly link to recruitment, student retention and engagement. It was stated that the district is working on acquiring a new golf cart for CCC.
 - b) The group discussed the break room renovation and discussed how this project can be reframed to a wellness room for students and staff to decompress and tend to their personal physical and mental health needs. Andrea brought up how this is available at other schools and it

could link to retention. Joanna will respond to Dr. Ruys with this suggestion.

- c) The concern with the running shoes was that all athletic teams have specialized shoes. The student in one meeting was sharing how football seems to get all their gear and equipment taken care of financially, but the designation is that the equipment is returned at the end of the school year, while shoes are not. There needs to be caution when buying athletes anything since it is against NCAA and CCCAA regulations to purchase anything for athletes that would be considered gifts. The only allowable item to be given to athletes are uniforms which COC provides. The group decided to pass on this project.
 - d) The group discussed how the employee plaque can be made in an alternative way. Justin was going to see if there is any spare wood or remaining metal not in use at the Valencia campus. Since Makerspace is open, the equipment can be used to carve the plaque and cut it. No funds may be needed for this project.
 - e) It was agreed that the amount for the caps and gowns was originally 100, but got reduced by 50% in case all projects were approved, but in the case there were multiple projects rejected, the group reinstated the amount to 100 packs to purchase.
- 4) Yarely is currently working on the CC brochure and hopes to have it completed soon.

6) Upcoming Projects

f) Supporting our homeless students:

- Gina shared an article at the last meeting regarding how Long Beach City College worked with the nonprofit Safe Parking LA, who was instrumental in making this program get started.
- 15 spaces are allocated for homeless students in the college's parking structure. They are provided free wifi, electricity, armed security, showers and a space to park their car overnight.
- LBCC was very responsive with providing information to Gina and was excited other colleges were inquiring about possibly implementing the program.

- This is a pilot program and this is a multifaceted program that requires several different departments involved on campus.
- The goal is to reach out to Sarah Cox, the director at the BaNC and Patty Robinson to see if they are interested in helping get this program to COC.

7) Next Meeting- Thursday, March 24, 2022 from 3-4pm