



Minutes from 4/21 Meeting

- 1) Dr. Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine, who is the Dean of International Affairs and Global Engagement and Liia Opanasiuk, our international student from the Ukraine shared with the group her current experience at COC and the impact the war has had on her and her family.
- 2) Needs Discussion
 - a) Last August, Liia moved to the US to begin school at COC.
 - b) Liia is on a non-immigrant VISA under protective status, but when she goes to visit her family in the Ukraine in the summer, it is uncertain if her status will change when she comes back to COC for the Fall semester.
 - c) Liia currently works at the ISP office and there are plans for her to continue working there for the next fiscal year.
 - d) Dr. J has secured several donations for her and Zhanna, but there does need to be continued support.
 - e) There are a lot of unknowns especially when the war will end , so other than financial help, mental health is a concern right now due to Liia constantly thinking about her family's well being and if they are alive.
 - f) Men in the Ukraine cannot leave if they fall under the age group of between 18-64 years old in case they get summoned to fight in the war. As a result, her mother did not leave either. Her father lost her job and he was the main income.
 - g) The group agreed to send Liia a card along with 5 \$50 gift cards to the bookstore and 5 gift cards to Zhanna although she was not able to

make the meeting. The group talked about doing a potential fundraiser for these students to continue the support.

- h) Liia mentioned that mental health is something that has been a challenge, so maybe this is something for CC to think about too.
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- 3) The funding deadline to use the funding is actually June 30, 2023. In The initial discussion in regards to this funding, it was said that any money not spent in this fiscal year would not be carried over to the next fiscal year, but an email about a month ago from Dr. Ruys indicated that it could be. The good news is that there is more time for not only the groups we tapped
 - 4) There will be a Caring Campus Connections: Liaisons Roundtable that will take place next Thursday April 28 from 10am-12pm. Please register and join if you can. This will be a great opportunity to hear all about what the other colleges who adopted Caring Campus, have been doing in their work and have the chance to network with them.
 - 5) Discover Day is May 14 from 9am-1pm at the Valencia Campus. As mentioned last meeting, CC will have a table, so please sign-up if you can! We want to let new students know what CC is and give out some incentives.
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- 8) Upcoming Projects
 - a) Cap and Gown Packs
 - i) Working with Geoff at the bookstore to give students who self-identify as in financial need to be given a free cap and gown pack. The email to students should go out soon, so this is exciting. There are only 100 packs, so a google form will go out to all the graduates and then it will close once it has reached the capacity.
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- 9) Next Meeting- Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 3-4pm-Valencia Campus-STCN-129
 - a) This meeting will involve stuffing backpacks with essential items and sticker decals.