



Minutes from 5/11 Meeting

1) ASG Grant Update

- Great news! We received a \$1,000 ASG Grant, so we will be able to start using that funding after the 2022-2023 fiscal year is over. This money provides more flexibility especially in regards to being able to purchase food, movie tickets, etc..

2) Cap and Gown Update

- The group decided at the last meeting that instead of the 22 packs being distributed on a first come, first served basis, instead we partnered with the BaNC and they helped to identify 22 graduating students in financial need who may not be able to afford the cap and gown packs for Commencement. Joanna sent out the email to those students this past week and 1 has already emailed saying that they are not in need of it. This cap and gown has already been reallocated to another student in need that Saideh from our Counseling Team identified as possibly in need of it.

3) The group agreed to cancel the May 25 meeting because the next meeting is the week before Finals and staff are still busy wrapping up the semester.

4) Abigail Campos, a nursing student at COC joined the meeting as a student panelist. Hilary invited this student panelist.

- This has been brought up before about students joining CC. While it may not be beneficial for a student to come to all our meetings since it is staff led, it may be valuable to have a designated volunteer for Canyons Cares at campus wide events, bring up concerns/comments to CC at meetings as needed and in general, serve as the student liaison. It will be great to have a more permanent student perspective.

5) Projects: Connecting Classified

- There was a lot of great constructive feedback provided at the last meeting on the new Classified Canvas shell. Cyndi, Joanna and Gina will be meeting soon to update the final changes to the shell. At that time, the goal is to launch it to classified staff by the summer.

6) Upcoming Events:

- Classified Appreciation Week
 - Tuesday, May 16 @ 2-3pm – Ice Cream Social at both campuses
 - Wednesday, May 17 @ 7:30 – 9:00am – Breakfast at the Canyon Country Campus
 - Thursday, May 18 @ 12:00 – 1:30pm – Luncheon & Awards at the Valencia Campus
- COC Commencement
 - Friday, June 2 at 8:30am and 6:00pm in Honor Grove
 - Determined based on major*
 - 4 guests-tickets provided through EventBrite
 - Students will receive a link for the tickets on May 8
 - Commencement Volunteers 2023 Deadline: Friday, May 12
 - For more info, website: www.canyons.edu/commencement
- Welcome Day-Friday, August 11 from 9am-1pm

Student Panelist-Abigail Campos

- She attended AOC for four years and is completing her 1st year as a COC college Nursing student. She is very familiar with the campus. Has had a positive experience.
- She has attended class at both campuses.

- She mentioned that she loves the BaNC and all the services it offers. She spoke about how many students including herself benefit from it on a daily basis. Her friend who is vegetarian, likes that there are vegetarian options like the impossible burger at the Cougar Cafe.
- With Boykin being closed for reconstruction, many classes shifted to CCC. She notices more people are going to CCC because of this. She really enjoys the 2 new buildings. She studies in the Takeda Science Center a lot.
- Abi mentioned how it was difficult to know that it was the Intercultural Center since it's currently at the side of the cafeteria. However, this issue should be solved with the IC moving to Bonelli soon.
- Loida brought up an idea about CC purchasing a buddy bench that would be designated for those who don't have friends or feel lonely that they would be able to sit and it would signal to people that they would like someone to talk to. Joanna mentioned how loneliness is a big issue for young adults especially coming out of COVID.
- Abi said that likes the idea of the buddy bench in theory, but if she was with friends passing by, she probably would not stop to accompany that student or talk to them.
- She enjoys the events that ASG hosts. She wasn't able to stay too long, but her friends mentioned how they liked Multicultural Day. It was really cool to get a passport and food from different cultures.
- She really likes the therapy goats that were at campus recently. Would like to see them again. She even brought up that therapy ponies would be cool since AOC had them before, but did say it's difficult with making that happen possibly due to liability/maintenance.
- She also really likes the peer-to-peer support groups. It would be a great way for students to navigate and help meet new people. AOC had this

implemented and worked well. The International Buddy program that ASG hosted was her inspiration into thinking that this may be beneficial for students.

7) Next Meeting-Thursday, June 8 from 3-4pm