



Equity Minded Practitioners
October 23, 2023
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Meeting Notes



Michael Felix opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement.

Land acknowledgment is not only as an acknowledgment of the physical space but also a commitment to build an authentic (non-transactional) relationship between Indigenous people and the college community.

College of the Canyons recognizes and acknowledges the first people of this ancestral and unceded territory of Chaguayanga & Mapipinga that are now occupied by our college campuses; honors their elders, past and present, and the descendants who are citizens of the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians. We recognize that the tribe is still here and we are committed to lifting up their stories, culture, and community.

Opportunities for understanding CCC System's adoptions of land acknowledgements – Laurie Solis. <https://usdac.us/nativeland>

- Discussion on possibly placing a land acknowledgement plaque on both Valencia and Canyon Country campus

Updates/Announcements

- a. Intercultural Center – Flavio Medina-Martin
 - October 24th - CCC Social Mixer (Banc, ASG and Campus Life will be present) Quad 1
 - Day of the Dead/ASG collab November 1st, 11:30am-1:00pm
 - Melody and Laurie Meet and greet, November 8th
 - Treats of Gratitude for Veteran's Day
 - Thankfulness: A Letter to Our Loved Ones, November 13th
 - NAIA Wild Horse Dancers and Fry Bread on November 14th 2pm- 4pm Honor Grove
 - November 28th, Hot Cocoa and Waffle Breakfast End of the Year Celebration
- b. Introduction: The Undocumented Resource Center (URC) Melody Klingenfuss - Stop by the ICC to post message of support. URC calendar will be out soon!
- c. Dreamers Together – Marilyn Jimenez
 - Esther Villegas-Sandoval presented Intro to Compassion Series: Compassion in Everyday Life A Student/Ally Perspective: Session II
 - CCCCO series on Renewing the Dream: Making Financial Aid Accessible through Policy and Practice. The number of students undocumented needing financial aid is 94,030 however only 13,147 paid state aid and only 21,436 eligible & offer and there were 44,381 CADAA applicants
- d. CETL update on syllabi best practices – Robert Wonser and Julie Johnson
 - Academic freedom version of the syllabi best practices will go through Senate Committee



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- e. Alliances – Cice Asberry and Ryan Valenzuela-Holguin
 - BSA Town Hall Meeting in the Honor Grove, November 7th, 10:30am
 - Coming Out Day Celebration, October 25th, 11am-3:00pm
- f. MESA – Amy Foote
 - On October 13, 2023, Senate Bill 444 passed MESA is now an Ed Code
 - We currently have 300 students served
 - 49 students have participated in MESA conferences

Anti-Racism Speaker Series at COC, future speaker suggestions:

Pamela Williams-Páez shared the video of Ibram Kendi video <https://youtu.be/KCxb15QgFZw>–

- Will start reading “How to be an Anti-Racist book”. If interested, copies of the book can be picked up at the Intercultural Center.
- How do we move from access programs to equitable programs?

Opportunity for a “teach-ins” at COC

Example: *Whose Land Are We On?: A Tataviam Teach-In at CalArts*

<https://blog.calarts.edu/2019/05/06/whose-land-are-we-on-a-tataviam-teach-in-at-calarts/>

- Hoping to have a “teach-in” opportunity here at College of the Canyons
- Invited members of Tataviam members to have a teach in course
- Ethnic studies faculty to come in and talk about what Ethnic studies does for the college students and community

IDEAA Repository – Alene Terzian

- Creating a google link to place all of the extensive resources
- Resources are categorized by definition, videos, resources with links, essential articles, sample syllabi inserts/statements: universalizable, empowerment programs, teaching philosophies, sample assignments (icebreakers), grading

Next Meeting: November 20, 2023