

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MULTICULTURAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2023
2023 Virtual Zoom
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Unadopted Minutes

Mission Statement

The mission of the committee is to develop Multicultural & Community Engagement Center's program policies and procedures; promote the values and objective of the MCEC; and build a campus culture of acceptance and inclusion through engagement.

Attendees: Hoover Zariani, Jennifer Quinonez-Skinner, Nancy Medina, Elizabeth Margaryan, Sosie Berg, David Crawford, Mary Jane Biancheri, Diana Rivera, Marineh Artuni

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2023
MSC (Everyone attending the meeting.)

Hoover Zariani

NEW BUSINESS

1. UGLA Scholarship for LGBTQ + Students

Hoover Zariani

- UGLA, Uptown Guy and Lesbian Alliance is a non-profit organization which has been around about 25 to 30 years. This year they came to Foundation and after having a meeting with Lisa Brooks and Hoover, they decided to sponsor two \$500.00 scholarships every year to LGBTQ + students.
- One of these gentlemen who attended GCC's vocational program many years ago also decided to create another \$500.00 scholarship for a vocational student. Being part of the LGBTQ + students is not a requirement for this scholarship.

2. Stoles for Student Communities

Hoover Zariani

- This is the 1st year that we are celebrating different communities of students at graduation by recognizing students who belong to different communities or programs on campus by stoles that will be provided.
- MCEC has ordered stoles for LGBTQ, Formerly Incarcerated and Undocumented students. Wearing the stole is optional.

3. Orgullo Latine

Hoover Zariani

- It is a product of one of the programs offered by MCEC. It is a leadership program and every year the students decide to work on a project. This year they started a new club advocating for the Latinx students. They are having an event on May 18th which is like a mini resource fair.

UPDATES

1- Rising Scholars Update

David Crawford

- On March 24th Rising Scholars hosted the Health Right 360 campus tour. Health Right 360 is one of our community partners and it is a transitional housing unit. The program helps those are finishing their terms and by going to college and getting their Associate degrees they can reduce their sentence. Another tour will be held on Friday May 26th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM providing breakfast and lunch and introducing them to different resources at GCC which could benefit them with their future plans.

2- MCEC Spring 2023 Activities

Hoover Zariani

- The list of MCEC Events/ Activities/Meetings over 2023 Spring semester is attached.

3- MCEC Student Community Graduation (Beyond Barriers)

Hoover Zariani

- The Special Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 16th at the Student Center from 4:00 to 6:00PM and students can bring up to two family members to this event.
- The students will get their stoles.

**Minutes submitted
by Marineh Artuni**

MCEC Events/Activities/Meetings Spring 2023

Staff of the MCEC organize events, activities, and trainings that serve the entire campus. Staff also serve as advisors for student clubs such as VOICES, SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance), System Impacted Intellectuals, and Black Student Union (BSU).

Dreamer Support Committee Meeting – March 6 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Staff, faculty, and allies of undocumented/AB 540/Dreamer students come together to support these students in a variety of ways (fundraising, events, etc.).

System Impacted Intellectuals Meeting – March 9 – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are formerly incarcerated or impacted by the criminal justice system.

Let's Chat – March 10 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

A facilitated group discussion for students who identify as LGBTQIA+.

SAGA Meeting – March 10 – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who identify as LGBTQIA+ and their allies.

Immigration & DACA Updates – March 14 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Important immigration related legislation updates for immigrant and undocumented student population and community members.

VOICES Meeting – March 15 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club for students who identify as undocumented/AB 540/Dreamer and their allies.

Liberating Scholars Educational Ally Training – March 15 and 16 - 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

This is a training for staff and faculty who wish to learn more about formerly incarcerated and system impacted students and their challenges.

Trans Awareness – March 16 – Noon to 2:00 p.m.

This workshop covers the various aspects of identity that can impact the experience of a trans woman, the gender norms that influences all of us, and the trans-women of color who risked everything to fight for the freedom of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Dreamer Support Committee Meeting – March 20 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Staff, faculty, and allies of undocumented/AB 540/Dreamer students come together to support these students in a variety of ways (fundraising, events, etc.).

UndocuTalks – March 22 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A facilitated group discussion for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers.

VOICES Meeting – March 22 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

System Impacted Intellectuals Meeting - March 23 – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are formerly incarcerated or impacted by the criminal justice system.

16th Annual Dreamer Student Conference – March 24 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Annual conference for local high school students who may be undocumented and interested in attending college.

Healthright 360 Campus Tour - March 24 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Campus visit and tour for potential students who are in transitional housing and are formerly incarcerated.

Let's Chat – March 24 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

A facilitated group discussion for students who identify as LGBTQIA+.

SAGA Meeting – March 24 – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who identify as LGBTQIA+ and their allies.

Cesar Chavez Jeopardy – March 28 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A fun, engaging, and educational event to help students learn more about the life, work, and legacy of Cesar Chavez as a civic and social leader.

VOICES Meeting – March 29 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

Self-Care – March 29 - 12 to 2:00 p.m.

In this workshop we will discuss self-care, that is, what being kind to yourself can look like. Our needs range from physical to emotional self care. Learn some strategies to balance the various areas in your life. Self-care can help us build resilience which is important as a student.

A Journey of Reflection and Restoration – March 30 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Louis James will share her amazing journey from South Central Los Angeles to Chowchilla State Prison and to Brandman University and becoming an Associate Clinical Social Worker. A story of resilience and persistence that must be heard.

Dreamer Support Committee Meeting – April 3 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Staff, faculty, and allies of undocumented/AB 540/Dreamer students come together to support these students in a variety of ways (fundraising, events, etc.).

Honoring Cesar Chavez – April 4 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Raised in the farm worker movement founded by his grandfather Cesar Chavez, Andres Chavez grew up greeting visitors, taking them on tours and sharing his grandfather's history as well as participating in countless marches, rallies, picket lines, demonstrations and political campaigns. Join us to hear about the legacy of Cesar Chavez through the stories shared by Andres.

UndocuTalks - April 5 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A facilitated group discussion for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers.

VOICES Meeting – April 5 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

System Impacted Intellectuals Meeting - April 6 – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are formerly incarcerated or impacted by the criminal justice system.

Let's Chat – April 7 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

A facilitated group discussion for students who identify as LGBTQIA+.

SAGA Meeting – April 7 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who identify as LGBTQIA+ and their allies.

Intersectionality and You– April 12 – Noon to 2:00 p.m.

This workshop explores the intersectionality of gender, age, sexuality, race and ethnicity and how it impacts our values, thoughts, and behaviors. Learning about personal prejudices and privileges will ultimately result in creating an all-inclusive environment in our individual lives and society.

VOICES Meeting – April 12 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

Standing Up to Sexual Violence – April 26 – Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Join our discussion on how we can stand up against sexual assault and violence, and protect the people we care about. Our workshop will explore the many ways of doing the right thing and understanding what works best for each of us.

VOICES Meeting – April 26 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

System Impacted Intellectuals Meeting - April 27 – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are formerly incarcerated or impacted by the criminal justice system.

GCC Pride Week – May 1 to May 5, 2023

Prideful Conversation – Dialogue amongst students, staff, and faculty on LGBTQ+ issues. Monday, May 1 at 12 noon.

Black, Queer, Fierce, and Free – Presentation by Dr. David B. Green Jr. Discussed black queer writers from the 70's and the 80's cultural renaissance on May 2, 2023.

LGBTQ+ Mini Resource Fair – with important information for GCC's LGBTQ+ students and staff on May 3, 2023.

Slaying with SAGA Drag Show – Five performers dazzled the audience with their performances on May 3, 2023 which was organized by the Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) student club.

Transgender Active Allyship & Advocacy – The Los Angeles LGBTQ Center presented a workshop on how to be allies for the transgender community and students at GCC on May 4, 2023.

Drag Bingo – Fun, fun, fun with Bingo Boy and prizes for all winners on May 4, 2023.

Safe Zone Training Level 1 - which was offered at the Garfield Campus for the first time on May 5, 2023.

Dreamer Support Committee Meeting – May 1 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Staff, faculty, and allies of undocumented/AB 540/Dreamer students come together to support these students in a variety of ways (fundraising, events, etc.).

UndocuTalks - May 3 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A facilitated group discussion for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers.

VOICES Meeting – May 3 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

UndocuAlly Training – May 5 – 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Faculty and staff interested in creating a safe and welcoming space for undocumented students are encouraged to participate in this training to learn about resources to support undocumented students, legislation that is constantly changing, the California Dream Act, DACA and much more.

Safe Zone Training – May 5 – 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

This workshop explores how participant's personal perceptions of LGBTQ+ individuals and community were developed; helps participants gain an understanding of the concepts of gender identity, gender expression, sexuality, and attraction, and explores the expanding and fluid vocabulary used when discussing LGBTQ+ individuals/communities.

Suicide Awareness – May 10 – Noon to 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this workshop is to raise awareness of how we can support a friend coping with suicidal ideation, and how simple actions can make profound and lasting differences.

VOICES Meeting – May 10 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

System Impacted Intellectuals Meeting - May 11 – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are formerly incarcerated or impacted by the criminal justice system.

Fruitvale Station Film Screening – May 12 – 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The film depicts the last day of the life of Oscar Grant III, a 22-year-old from Hayward, California, before he was fatally shot by BART Police in the early morning hours of January 1, 2009.

Dreamer Support Committee Meeting – May 15 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

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UndocuTalks - May 17 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A facilitated group discussion for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers.

VOICES Meeting – May 17 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

History of LGBTQIA+ from Black Perspective – May 1 to 5 – All Day

A public display board showing the historic contributions of Black/African Americans in LGBTQIA+ history coordinated by SAGA student club.

VOICES Meeting – May 24 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers and allies.

System Impacted Intellectuals Meeting - May 25 – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student club and support for students who are formerly incarcerated or impacted by the criminal justice system.

Dreamer Support Committee Meeting – May 29 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Staff, faculty, and allies of undocumented/AB 540/Dreamer students come together to support these students in a variety of ways (fundraising, events, etc.).

UndocuTalks - May 31 – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A facilitated group discussion for students who are undocumented, AB 540, or Dreamers.

1st Annual Beyond Barriers Graduation – June 16 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

This is a celebration of all students in the MCEC communities who are graduating, completing, a certificate, and/or transferring in the fall.