



NOTES – *Veterans and Active Duty Educational Steering Committee (VADESC)*

Friday, October 9, 2009
Kellogg 3010

12:00-12:50

Present: Shaun Briggs, Sarah Clavell-Storrer, Regina Eisenbach, Marsha Gable, Anthony Glasgow, Vicki Hernandez, Rosa Medrano, Dion Quintana, Dilcie Perez, Sara Quinn, John Segoria, Pat Worden

Absent: John Bowman, Eric Bullard, Joe Costello, Karen Schaffman, Pam Wells

-- Agenda Topics --

1. **Veterans Affairs update**—Vicki Hernandez
 - a. **Veterans Welcome Reception on September 24.** *Vicki reported that the reception was well attended, and continues a fine tradition.*
 - b. **Post-9/11 GI Bill update.** *Vicki reported that delays in VA reimbursements have caused severe hardship, including financial aid issues. Students believe our Veterans Center is part of the VA, come in to complain and seek VA services. The VA recently issued advanced payments of \$3,000; concern that some banks may not accept/cash the check (holding checks for 10 days). Some students don't know that the GI bill pays in arrears, not up front; funds not available for "1st and last month" rental payments, for example. Concern was expressed that problems may spike at the end of October, when new monthly bills come due.*
 - c. **Planning for Veterans' Day event**—*Vicki reported that SVO is working on an event for November 10, university hour, Tukwut courtyard. They are seeking an off-campus sponsor for food.*
2. **Disabled Student Services update**—*John Segoria reported that he is a member of the CSU Task Force on Mental Health Services. He visited the La Jolla VA Hospital recently, attended a presentation on Traumatic Burn Injuries, PTSD. He noted that they lack plans for transition to post-secondary education. We need to publicize the services we could provide to disabled veterans.*
3. **Other announcements**—
 - a. Dr. Heidi Kraft, "Rule Number Two: Lessons I Learned in a Combat Hospital"; Tuesday November 3, noon; CLARKE 113
 - b. Photography exhibition at the Clarke will accompany Kraft's presentation
 - c. ROTC update—CSUSM students taking ROTC courses (offered via SDSU) on our campus this year. ROTC faculty are housed in A&R Outreach Services, near Vicki Hernandez's new office.
 - d. Marsha Gable and Vicki Hernandez attending Filner/Salas panel at Southwestern Community College. Vicki is on a panel presentation. Filner is Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Mary Salas is the Chair, Committee on Veterans Affairs for the State of California.

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- e. Extended Learning is offering Kinesiology at Camp Pendleton, currently with a class of 12 students. Eric Bullard and Judy Papenhausen are meeting with folks at the Naval Hospital on October 10 to discuss launching a Corpsman to BSN program, hopefully next fall.

4. Veterans Center update

Shaun Briggs talked about the kinds of issues that students are bringing to the Veterans Center. There have been many problems associated with the Post-9/11 Bill delays. Additional areas of concern stem from transitional issues faced by students returning from combat and other types of military duty.

2009-10 quarterly schedule (noon, Friday):

October 9; December 4; March 12; May 14