



WESTOP-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

10/26/2018

Fresno City College, Fresno CA

PRESENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

The Central California Chapter meeting was held on 10/26/2018 at Fresno City College. Call to order by President Mike Osorio at 10:02 am. Sign-in sheet was provided. Members present were: Anthony Velasquez, Carolina Sordia, Andrea Cisneros, Diego Ortiz, Janet Hnidey, Beto Carbajal, Marisol Patino, Jose Rodriguez, Shaona DiQuirico, Sureima Santillan, Ivan Ibarra, Sara Sepulveda, Gerardo Ipac, Jenny Robledo, Sandra Fuentes, Natasha Mejia, Mario Alvarado, Mayra Machain, Mike Rea, Mike Osorio, Eluterio Escamilla, Alondra Martinez, Omar Espinoza, Thompson Ly, Dave Ferguson, Russell Gross, Joe Guerra, Ernest Perez Jr, Crystal Benavidez, Diana Tapia-Wright, Kevin Jow, Ben Reynoso, Nathalie Gomez.

CONFERENCE CALL ATTENDEES: Jenny Amaro and Walter Ramirez.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS CHAPTER MINUTES 3/6/2018

- Eluterio Escamilla moved to approve Agenda, Diana Tapia-Wright second the motion. No discussion. Motion carried. No abstentions. Approval of agenda.
- Diana Tapia-Wright moved to approve minutes, Jenny Robledo second the motion. No discussion. Motion carried. No abstentions. Approval of last CenCal Chapter minutes.

III. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

- **President:** Mike Osorio, Evergreen Valley College
 - Welcome/ Introductions
 - President Mike Osorio open the conversation concerning hosting a PDS Conference. He will send out a survey to see what the chapter's needs and interests are, once positions are filled the committee can plan the PDS Conference.
 - **Membership Conversation:** Some of the suggestions made were to postpone the PDS conference until August, others mentioned that some programs are in different contracts (10 or 12 months). It was also suggested that it would be best to hosted it during traditional months such as February after APR and WESTOP, or April after the Grant writing workshops, to share the wealth of information gain with the Chapter. It was said that late November would interferences with holidays. Suggestions were made for January to focus on training new staff/APR introduction, or in April focusing on collected data, interventions, evaluation, and adjustments. President Mike Osorio along with other members agreed on creating commitment from membership and relaying on mentorship for this year. Dave Ferguson committed to be part of the PDS committee once Past-President is elected.
 - **Locations:** Previously hosted at Tachi Palace hotel & Casino and Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino. Once the Past President is elected, will explore location and cost.
 - **Topic ideas:** It was explained that the meaning of PDS is not to just fundraising for CenCal, Chapter, but to provide professional development and training based on the Chapter's needs.
 - Some topics suggested by members: new fields on the APR, learn about data fields, strands concentrated by program, basic regulation and legislation about TRIO Programs, new employees training, new Community College AB-705 changes transfer Math and English, guided pathways, funding cycle and best

practices. Different formats such as personal development: sessions on retirement, wellness, healthy professionals, network, and understand TRIO programs.

- **Budget:** Jenny Robledo: asked about the budget for PDS. Jenny Amaro mentioned that the budget that was send out **indicated \$8,680**. Beto Carbajar shared that last year **\$6,700** was spend on the PDS last year.
- **Past President:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Vice President/ Membership-Elections:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Treasure:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Secretary:** Nathalie Gomez, Clovis Community College
 - No report
- **Parliamentarian:** Vacant
 - No report

IV. SERVICE COUNCIL CHAIRS REPORTS:

- **Professional Development Chair:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Student Leadership Conference (SLC):** Vacant
 - No report
- **National TRIO Day Chair:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Legislative, Education & Research Chair:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Scholarship Chair:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Public Relations & Technology Chair:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Summer Jam Chair:** Vacant
 - No report
- **Fair Share:** Vacant
 - No report
- **TRIO Alumni Relations Chair:** Vacant
 - No report

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Presentation Fresno States e-Transcripts:**
 - Russell Gross and Joe Guerra- Fresno State SSSP and SSSV Counselors
 - CA Assembly Bill- AB 1056 (Fong) (Jan 1, 2012)
 - Requires CA Community Colleges to convert from a paper-based transcript to electronic transcripts.
 - Website at Fresno State:
<http://fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/are/admissiontranscripts/index.html>
 - More information regarding Electronic Transcripts Process- **refer to the PDF files attached.**

- **Government Relations Update Fall 2018:**

- Sureima Santillan- Reedley College
- Presented on behalf of COE- updates being presented at the regional and chapter meetings.
- **Please refer to the PDF PowerPoint file attachment.**
- TRIO Appropriations from FY 2013-2019- 1.06 billions
- The Prosper Act did not get signed into law.
- Sureima Santillan thank the members for their efforts, advocacy and those who attended Policy Seminar.
- ED has recently decided that all TRIO grants, whether they accepted or declined the increase in students served would receive an increase in their base of 4.25%. They renege on their previous decision to tie program funding to requirements for serving additional students.
- Current House and Senate division (**PDF file attached**).
- Key legislators in California (**PDF file attached**).
- Get to know current and new Congressional members. They are holding rallies and local town halls in their home states during the final days of the cycle.
- Please contact COE for more information on how to get your Legislator to your campus. Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/MOC2TRIOCAMPUS>
- First Generation Celebration: Nov 8th, 2018. Visit COE website for ideas on how to recognize first generation students on campus.
- **Internships / Events:** Visit COE for applications Website: www.coenet.org.
 1. **Keith Sherin Semester-in-Washington**
 - Open to SSS & McNair students: January 10th – May 3rd
 - Application due November 9th, 2018
 2. **39th Annual Policy Seminar- Washington**
 - March 24th - 27th, 2019
 3. **TRIO Alumni Leadership Forum**
 - March 24th, 2019
 4. **30th Annual National Student Leadership Congress-Washington**
 - June 8th – 13th, 2018
 5. **Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program- Netherlands**
 - Study Abroad experience for SSS & McNair students

- **Chapter Board & Service Board positions;**

- Positions available and job descriptions were sent via email by President Mike Osorio. No nominations were made.
- Vice-President is joined with the membership position.
- Public Relations is joined with Technology Chair.
- Past-President is joined with Professional Development Service Chair.
- Natasha Mejia asked to review positions.
- President Mike Osorio reviewed positions roles and time commitment.
- Diana Tapia-Wright discussed this position takes a personal and professional commitment. Some of this position have longer time commitment to create continuity and stability in the chapter. Diana Tapia-Wright explained that the reason the Past President position will need to be voted on by the membership is due to not having a current Past President. Also, the Vice President needs to be voted on because it gives the Vice President authority to vote on the Executive Board. Service Council can volunteer.
- President Mike Osorio will send out online voting with specific closing time for the following positions: Past President, Vice President, and Treasure.
- **Positions:**

- **Past President:** Vacant
 - Diana Tapia-Wright, nominate Eluterio Escamilla, for Past-President. Eluterio Escamilla, accepted the nomination. Will go to membership for voting.
- **Vice President/ Membership-Elections:** Vacant
 - Ben Reynoso nominated Mike Rea for Vice President. Mike Rea accepted the nomination. Will go to membership for voting.
- **Treasure:** Vacant
 - Sandra Fuentes nominated Tasha Mejia for Treasure. Tasha accepted the nomination. Will go to membership for voting.
- **Parliamentarian:** Diana Tapia-Wright
 - President Mike Osorio appointed Diana Tapia-Wright, as Parliamentarian Chair
- **Professional Development Chair:** Vacant
 - PDS Committee: Mario Alvarado. Crystal Benavidez, Natasha Mejia, Sandra Fuentes, Mayra Machain, and Dave Ferguson.
- **Student Leadership Conference (SLC):** Vacant
 - No report
- **National TRIO Day Chair:** Ben Reynoso
 - Committee: All SCCC CD TRIO Programs
- **Legislative, Education & Research Chair:** Sureima Santillan
 - Diana Tapia-Wright nominate Sureima Santillan for Legislative, Education & Research Chair. Sureima Santillan accept the nomination.
- **Scholarship Chair:** Alondra Martinez
 - Co-Chair Omar Espinoza
- **Public Relations & Technology Chair:** Vacant
 - Thompson Ly and Ignacio Aguilera. Both volunteer for Public Relations & Technology Chair.
- **Summer Jam Chair:** Fresno State
 - No report
- **Fair Share:** Mario Alvarado
 - Diana Tapia-Wright nominate Mario Alvarado for Fair Share Chair. Mario Alvarado accepted the nomination.
- **TRIO Alumni Relations Chair:** Kevin Jow
 - Diana Tapia-Wright nominated Kevin Jow for TRIO Alumni Relations Chair. Kevin Jow accepted position.
- **First Generation Day**
 - SCCC CD TRIO Programs share will be hosting first generation day on November 8th, having informational tables, handing out first generation stickers provided by COE, and inviting faculty and staff to share their first-generation experience with their students. Diana Tapia-Wright will email the CenCal Chapter with COE templates. Other campuses share having a photo booth and selfie picture frame. Some campuses will be doing similar activities. Refer to the COE website for more ideas. Any pictures, please forward to Sureima Santillan to highlight CenCal Chapter TRIO Programs with COE.
- **TRIO Day 2019**
 - Location: Fresno City Community College
 - Date: Saturday February 23th, 2019
 - Contact Ben Reynoso Ben.Reynoso@fresnocitycollege.edu with any ideas or topics for workshops.
 - Anyone is welcome to join the Committee.
 - Working on inviting Congress man and guest speakers,

- Break-out sessions: UB math/science careers and different workshops for EOC and SSS.
- Fresno State SSSP & SSSV: will prove student leaders to present. College mindset and other topics.
- Ben Reynoso stated that it is an advocacy day to create new leaders and student advocates. Also, to share anything that can be used to highlight TRIO programs at Policy Seminar.
- Janet Hnidey mention beginning to inform students about writing letters prior to attending TRIO Day and bring them to the event.
- **WESTOP Membership**
 - President Mike Osorio passed list of approved voting members as of 10/18/2018. List will be send out via email to membership to review current members at each program. **Please review list and contact Mike Osorio with changes needing to be made.**
 - Mike Rea asked how long the Membership cycle is, Diana Tapia-Wright respond for 1 year starting July 1- Jun 30.
 - Jenny Robledo asked for information about voting institution. Diana Tapia-Wright will email information.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Update of CenCal Website:
 - Once new positions are filled, will update the CenCal website.
- **Next Chapter Meeting Evergreen Valley College: Friday December 7th, 2018 10am-2pm.**
- Eluterio Escamilla motion to open the agenda. Mayra Machain second the motion. No discussion. Motion carried. No abstentions. Approval to open the agenda.
 - Discussion by President Mike Osorio regarding finding use for materials from previous conferences:
 - Diana Tapia-Wright suggested such materials can be used as gifts for presenters.
 - Mayra Machain suggested to use it for TRIO Day and rotate for future events.
 - Mike Osorio concluded the discussion that everyone is in agreeance with holding the materials and utilizing them for the next event, which will be TRIO Day.
- General announcement:
 - Eluterio Escamilla asked if anyone else has had their SSS budgets approved.
 - Sandra Fuentes suggested to keep open communication with each program officer.
 - Mike Osorio asked if any UB programs received their STEM grants.
 - Diana Tapia-Wright mentioned Reedley did and is working with their program officer.
 - Dave Ferguson shared that the Department of Education has the authority to ask for a budget and approve the budget, but the institution has the authority to run the program according to regulations.
 - Alondra Martinez revisited and encourage to use e-transcripts. Alondra Martinez ask if Lapel Pens are still available. The chapter has lapel pens for a \$5 donation.
 - Carolina Sordia from CSUMB ETS thank Fresno State ETS program staff for assistance with her school field trip. Mike Osorio offer to contact him if anyone needs group campus tours in San Jose State or UC Santa Cruz.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Jenny Robledo motioned to adjourn meeting at 12:10 pm, second by Carolina Sordia. No discussion. No abstentions. Motion carried. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned.