



Tuesday, January 26, 2021 Veterans Caucus Business Meeting

3:00 pm-3:50pm

This meeting is being held via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 922 5740 4212 Passcode: CCCVC

1. Welcome and Announcements

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4.05 Lobbying the State and Federal Veterans Administration

5. Adjournment

5.01 Adjournment



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	1. Welcome and Announcements
Subject	1.01 Welcome and Announcements
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to extend welcomes and share announcements.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	2. Review November 18, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes
Subject	2.01 Review November 18, 2020 Caucus Business Meeting Minutes
Access	Public
Type	Procedural, Minutes
Minutes	View Minutes for Nov 18, 2020 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to review the November 18, 2020 Caucus Business meeting minutes.

[2020 11.18 Veterans Caucus Business Meeting Notes.pdf \(79 KB\)](#)



**California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus
Veterans Caucus Business Meeting Notes
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
3:45pm**

Attendees via Zoom

Brenda Estrada
Greg Gillespie
Zeke Hernandez
Douglas Houston
Larry Kennedy
Edralin Maduli
Nancy Montgomery
Jesse Ortiz
Daren Otten
Paul Parnell
Grace Scharler
Richard Teagarden
Linda Wah
Bill Withrow
David Wood
Donna Ziel
Mary Ann Lutz
Patricia D'Orange Martin

Recorder

Gina Paduano

1. Welcome and Announcements

Discussion: 1.01 Welcome and Announcements

The meeting commenced at 3:45pm.

Larry Kennedy welcomed the group. The attendees introduced themselves. Larry Kennedy announced that a person does not have to be a veteran to participate in the Veterans Caucus Meeting.

2. Review October 13, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes

Procedural: 2.01 Review October 13, 2020 Caucus Business Meeting Minutes

The notes were provided for review.

Larry Kennedy asked if there are any follow-ups since the previous meeting. Bill Withrow commented that whatever they can do to accelerate veterans going into nursing, and using their background to help this would be a win-win for them and society.

Nancy Montgomery shared she did pull the curriculum from the Board of Registered Nursing to see what is required for nursing and compared it to what the corpsman and medics are completing in their studies, and she noted a variance. She shared that she attempted to set an appointment with the Board of Registered Nursing, but could not get in contact with them. She will try to have something put on their agenda or show up in their public comments to try and get contact information.

Nancy Montgomery shared that the state Chancellor's Office allows a lot of information and photos where students are helping the community and it would be a good idea to get the medics and corpsman out there to drive-thru events in helping with the vaccines. She suggested that the Chancellor's bring this to the attention of Chancellor Oakley. Patricia D' Orange Martin commented that she would like to work with Nancy on this and noted that Mitch Seal would be a great resource,

Douglas Houston noted they do have credit for prior learning protocol that is implemented statewide where they can locally approve credit. He noted that getting 1 for 1 with the nursing courses is going to take a while. Patricia D' Orange Martin commented it would hard to get, and the nursing board will not accept it.

3. Updates

Discussion: 3.01 Update from the State Academic Senate President

Nancy Montgomery to ask the State Academic Senate President, Dolores Davison if she can bring provide some updates to the caucus.

Discussion: 3.02 Fiscal/Budget Report

The budget report was shared and the group reviewed it. Larry Kennedy noted that there is a fee paid to CCLC, and some processing fees for credit card charges. He noted that due to the current circumstance with COVID, there has been no contracts for hotels or convention halls. Larry Kennedy mentioned that there is some extra money for small projects, and possibly plaques for other individuals. Greg Gillespie stated that the money could be used to support caucus members on future trips to Sacramento or conferences. There was discussion about candidates for receiving a plaque. Larry Kennedy commented that he would develop a nomination form.

Brenda Estrada asked if there has been any consideration for helping to fund veterans who get accepted into community college to PhD programs with either UCLA or Cal State Fullerton. Larry Kennedy replied that anything could be support and suggested Brenda work with Nancy Montgomery in formulating the idea. Nancy Montgomery commented that she can bring back those ideas to the Board meeting to discuss it in more detail.

Patricia D' Orange Martin commented that she likes the idea of using funds to go to Sacramento noting that the members of this caucus advocating for veterans there would be influential. Nancy Montgomery agreed and stated that the members of this caucus can set up a meeting with the Senate Veterans Committee and Assembly Veterans Committee and present to them their issues and concerns.

Bill Withrow asked if there were any outcomes from the Veterans Affairs meeting. Larry Kennedy replied that has not received feedback. Bill Withrow asked for any updates as result of the ACCT conference where there was a focus on getting accreditation for military training across the board. Larry Kennedy replied that this is being address especially with the nursing; he said there is a movement to try and standardize with each college what the units will be. Nancy commented that the Academic Senate is still working it and Palomar College presented a format that they will use to accept military credit. She mentioned great presentation from Palomar College regarding this and recommended inviting that presenter to the next Board meeting to discuss this. Nancy Montgomery to find her information and send her an invitation.

Discussion: 3.03 CCLC Legislative Update

There were no updates. It was noted that the VSOC on colleges are undergoing changes. There was a discussion that the with the changes, they are taking away their files, and the VSOC counselors are becoming intake clerks and reducing services to disabled veterans. Nancy Montgomery suggested waiting for the new administration in January to address this issue.

4. New Business

Discussion: 4.01 Officer Elections

Larry Kennedy announced he is not running for office this time around and noted that there is a replacement for him as Trustee, Stanley Mantooth. He also would like to credit Greg Gillespie, and Gina Paduano who works in his office. Larry Kennedy moved to nominate Bill Withrow as the co-chair for the Trustee side along with Doug Houston who is the CEO co-chair. Zeke Hernandez seconded. There were virtual hands raised in the zoom meeting in favor of this nomination. There were no oppositions. Bill Withrow was nominated. Larry Kennedy will stay on the Board and be the alternate co-chair on the community side, and Greg Gillespie will be the alternate co-chair on the CEO side.

Discussion: 4.02 Senator Roth Award

Nancy Montgomery requested that the award be sent to her so that she can present it to Senator Roth. She also requested that the someone from the committee be present on Zoom to celebrate with him.

Discussion: 4.03 CCLC Veterans Caucus webpage and research materials

Larry Kennedy asked what the process is for uploading pictures, materials, and other things on the CCLC page. Rina Kasim replied that the caucus members can send it to her and they will create another page, which will be linked to the main caucus page. She noted that a PDF format is acceptable and the turnaround time is typically 3 days.

5. Adjournment

Procedural: 5.01 Adjournment

Larry Kennedy thanked everyone for joining the meeting. He noted that next year may be all Zoom conferences. Nancy Montgomery pointed out that she would like to make sure that veterans are included in the May revisions. Douglas Houston suggested having a conversation with Senator Roth, and possibly having a separate meeting with the officers. Nancy Montgomery pointed out a person on the budget committee that she recommends meeting with. Larry Kennedy noted that the office of Jacqui Irwin is close to the VCCCD District Office and she could be a good resource. Larry Kennedy recommended an executive meeting for Zoom and identified mid-January.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	3. Updates
Subject	3.01 Update from the State Academic Senate President
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to discuss update(s) from the State Academic Senate President.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	3. Updates
Subject	3.02 Attendee Report on Operations at their Colleges
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the Veterans Caucus and attendees to have a discussion regarding operations at their colleges.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	3. Updates
Subject	3.03 CCLC Legislative Update
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding the CCLC Legislative Update.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	3. Updates
Subject	3.04 Annual Plaque Award Recipient: Senator Roth
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to address the following agenda item: Annual Plaque Award Recipient, Senator Roth



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.01 Upcoming Events
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding upcoming events.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.02 California State Chancellor Office VRC Funding allocation process/Legislation
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the Veterans Caucus Business meeting to discuss California State Chancellor Office VRC Funding allocation process/Legislation.

[2020-21 VRC One-time Fund Allocations by College.pdf \(65 KB\)](#)

[VRC One-time Funding Allocation Memo.pdf \(435 KB\)](#)

2020-21 One-time Funding Allocations

The following table details the Veteran Resource Center one-time allocation by college. See Chancellor's Office Memo ES 20-100-013 from Dean, Gina Browne, for details on how the allocations were calculated and the allowable use of funds.

College Name	Allocation
Allan Hancock College	\$ 33,821
Antelope Valley College	\$ 40,671
Bakersfield College	\$ 63,361
Barstow College	\$ 12,273
Berkeley City College	\$ 17,267
Butte College	\$ 54,513
Cabrillo College	\$ 19,693
Cañada College	\$ 22,262
Cerritos College	\$ 47,949
Cerro Coso Community College	\$ 17,125
Chabot College	\$ 36,247
Chaffey College	\$ 45,380
Citrus College	\$ 45,523
City College of San Francisco	\$ 198,075
Clovis Community College	\$ 24,831
Coastline Community College	\$ 48,234
College of Alameda	\$ 14,128
College of Marin	\$ 3,710

College Name	Allocation
College of San Mateo	\$ 45,380
College of the Canyons	\$ 68,070
College of the Desert	\$ 35,676
College of the Redwoods	\$ 23,404
College of the Sequoias	\$ 29,968
College of the Siskiyous	\$ 8,134
Columbia College	\$ 8,705
Compton College	\$ 143
Contra Costa College	\$ 14,413
Copper Mountain College	\$ 13,129
Cosumnes River College	\$ 49,233
Crafton Hills College	\$ 22,405
Cuesta College	\$ 19,122
Cuyamaca College	\$ 60,507
Cypress College	\$ 52,373
De Anza College	\$ 45,523
Diablo Valley College	\$ 61,220
East Los Angeles College	\$ 40,814
El Camino College	\$ 56,083
Evergreen Valley College	\$ 20,835
Feather River College	\$ 1,429
Folsom Lake College	\$ 37,674
Foothill College	\$ 22,119
Fresno City College	\$ 66,643

College Name	Allocation
Fullerton College	\$ 66,501
Gavilan College	\$ 25,972
Glendale Community College	\$ 24,545
Golden West College	\$ 34,249
Grossmont College	\$ 122,013
Hartnell College	\$ 16,696
Imperial Valley College	\$ 10,132
Irvine Valley College	\$ 37,817
Lake Tahoe Community College	\$ 3,425
Laney College	\$ 20,978
Las Positas College	\$ 63,932
Lassen College	\$ 3,140
Long Beach City College	\$ 99,037
Los Angeles City College	\$ 35,819
Los Angeles Harbor College	\$ 18,266
Los Angeles Mission College	\$ 16,554
Los Angeles Pierce College	\$ 38,102
Los Angeles Southwest College	\$ 12,415
Los Angeles Trade-Tech College	\$ 42,954
Los Angeles Valley College	\$ 33,393
Los Medanos College	\$ 45,238
Mendocino College	\$ 7,278
Merced College	\$ 27,114
Merritt College	\$ 12,986

College Name	Allocation
MiraCosta College	\$ 109,740
Mission College	\$ 18,124
Modesto College	\$ 38,388
Monterey Peninsula College	\$ 27,257
Moorpark College	\$ 33,108
Moreno Valley College	\$ 44,524
Mt. San Antonio College	\$ 94,471
Mt. San Jacinto College	\$ 140,850
Napa Valley College	\$ 20,407
Norco College	\$ 32,251
Ohlone college	\$ 16,839
Orange Coast College	\$ 70,639
Oxnard College	\$ 31,395
Palo Verde College	\$ 1,998
Palomar College	\$ 203,497
Pasadena City College	\$ 50,089
Porterville College	\$ 6,707
Reedley College	\$ 36,390
Rio Hondo College	\$ 34,677
Riverside Community College	\$ 61,791
Sacramento City College	\$ 65,787
Saddleback College	\$ 62,505
San Bernardino Valley College	\$ 49,376
San Diego City College	\$ 121,157

College Name	Allocation
San Diego Mesa College	\$ 176,383
San Diego Miramar College	\$ 140,422
San Joaquin Delta College	\$ 36,675
Santa Ana College	\$ 58,652
Santa Barbara City College	\$ 27,827
Santa Monica College	\$ 55,655
Santa Rosa Junior College	\$ 52,373
Santiago Canyon College	\$ 19,265
Shasta College	\$ 41,813
Sierra College	\$ 77,346
Skyline College	\$ 40,386
Solano Community College	\$ 55,940
Southwestern College	\$ 154,978
Taft College	\$ 6,707
Ventura College	\$ 50,232
Victor Valley College	\$ 62,790
West Hills College Lemoore	\$ 22,547
West Los Angeles College	\$ 31,395
West Valley College	\$ 15,555
Woodland Community College	\$ 10,846
Yuba College	\$ 30,396

TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
Chief Business Officers
Veterans Services Directors & Coordinators

FROM: Gina Browne
Dean, Educational Services & Support Division

RE: Veterans Resource Center One-Time Funds Application

This guidance memo provides an update on the one-time funds provided in the 2018-19 budget to support Veterans Resource Centers.

Veteran Resource Centers (VRCs) provide essential support services that address the specific needs of student veterans by offering on-site support services from the VA, certification of benefits, financial aid information and application assistance, academic counseling and tutoring services, peer-to-peer support and mentoring opportunities, computer lab, mental health services, specialized transition services, and wellness programs all in one location.

Assembly Bill 1809 – Higher education trailer bill appropriated an additional \$6.2 million one-time funds to supplement the 2018-19 ongoing funding to establish, enhance, and support on-campus VRCs. In fall 2018, the Chancellor’s Office awarded nine grants totaling \$1.3 million leaving \$4.9 million unallocated.

Allocation Funding Formula and Request for Funding

The remaining \$4.9 million will be allocated based on the 2019-20 fair share of students certified for VA education benefits at all colleges.

$$\frac{\text{\# of students certified for VA education benefits (college)}}{\text{\# of students certified for VA education benefits (system)}} \times \$4,900,000$$

To receive funding, colleges must complete a short [VRC certification form](#) no later than Friday, December 4, 2020. Only one form per college is required. Districts can expect to receive the funds in February 2021.

Allowable Use of Funds

Funds may only be used toward meeting, or making progress toward meeting, the minimum standards associated with high-functioning Veterans Resource Centers established by the Chancellor’s Office (see the attached Minimum Standards for a VRC for details). Funds may not be

VRC One-Time Funds

November 9, 2020

used to supplant existing funds currently used to provide veterans services including personnel and/or services supported by general funds, categorical funds or other current sources.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Jackie Chacon at veterans@cccoco.edu.

cc: Marty J. Alvarado, Executive Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Support
Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy, Vice Chancellor, Education Services and Support
Aisha Lowe, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Support



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.03 Credit for Prior Education and Experience
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding credit for prior education and experience for veterans while on active duty.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.04 Advocating and Lobbying to the State Assembly and Senate
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding: advocating and lobbying to the State Assembly and Senate.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.05 Lobbying the State and Federal Veterans Administration
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding lobbying the state and federal Veterans Administration.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	5. Adjournment
Subject	5.01 Adjournment
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Public Content



Thursday, May 6, 2021
Veterans Caucus Business Meeting

4:30pm-5:20pm

This meeting is being held via Zoom.

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/99846284688?pwd=YXlXd2oyTHRjNmVzSTBxZ0E0OWFTdz09>

Meeting ID: 922 5740 4212 Passcode: CCCVC

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3.04 Lobbying the State and Federal Veterans Administration

4. New Business

4.01 Upcoming Events

4.02 AB 1040 Ethnic Studies

5. Adjournment

5.01 Adjournment



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	1. Welcome and Announcements
Subject	1.01 Welcome and Announcements
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to extend welcomes and share announcements.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	2. Review January 26, 2021 Caucus Meeting Minutes
Subject	2.01 Review January 26, 2021 Caucus Business Meeting Minutes
Access	Public
Type	Minutes
Minutes	View Minutes for Jan 26, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to review the January 26, 2021 Caucus Business meeting minutes.

[2021 01.26 Veterans Caucus Meeting Notes Draft.pdf \(114 KB\)](#)



California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus
Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
3:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Notes - Draft

Present

Debbie Anthony; Cheryl Aschenbach; Theresa Austin; Daniel Avegalio; Barbara Calhoun; Tammara Chavez; Vernetta Crain; Stephanie Crosby; Dolores Davison; Cairo Eduardo; Samantha Erickson; Ryan Fleming; Eric Garcia; Juan Garcia; Greg Gillespie; Bea Gonzalez; Rosalyn Green; Ezekiel Hall; Nichelle Henderson; Vicki Hernandez; Zeke Hernandez; Douglas Houston; Crystal Jackson; Rina Kasim; Larry Kennedy; James Konopitski; Matthew Lopez-Phillips; Edralin Maduli; David Martin; Andrew Martinez; Maria Martinez; Ryan McElhinney; Marcia Milchiker; Nancy Montgomery; Alex Norring; Mike Osorio; Daren Otten; LaKysia Perez; Frank Reyes; Richard Roth; Jose Serena; Miatta Snetter; Todd Steffan; Vickeisha Sterling; Brian Sylva; Mana Tadayon; Alex Vega; Montely Wilson-Bey; Bill Withrow; Donna Ziel

Recorder

Gina Paduano

1. Welcome and Announcements

Discussion: 1.01 Welcome and Announcements

Bill Withrow welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced himself as the co-chair of the committee alongside Doug Houston. Doug Houston announced that the meeting will be recorded because the awarding presentation may be used for social media purposes. Bill Withrow provided some background information from the previous meeting where he was elected as co-chair and Larry Kennedy was selected as alternate co-chair.

2. Review November 18, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes

Procedural, Minutes: 2.01 Review November 18, 2020 Caucus Business Meeting Minutes

Larry Kennedy motioned to approve the minutes. Edralin Maduli seconded. The minutes were approved.

3. Updates

Discussion: 3.01 Update from the State Academic Senate President

Dolores Davison, the ASCC President thanked the group for welcoming her. She shared that they participated in the Veterans Symposium in December and they have an upcoming breakout session with the Chancellor's Office staff at the part-time institute next month around serving veteran students through online education. She commented that they are putting together their Plenary Session, and it will include something around veterans. She shared they are traveling to Washington, D.C. with the Chancellor's Office to advocate on behalf of a variety of different groups mostly for the California Community Colleges, and in the past, working alongside members of the Veterans Caucus like Greg Gillespie and Larry Kennedy. She noted the significant movement in the credit for prior learning world which would greatly help veteran students and continuing a pilot around cross-walking. Bill Withrow thanks Dolores for reporting the updates to the group.

Discussion: 3.02 Attendee Report on Operations at their Colleges

Bill Withrow revisited an issue with access to counselors and provided an example that athletes have academic coaches that help them excel in their academic goals. Larry Kennedy commented that in 1979 he was a teacher at a community college and they had full-time veterans counselors. Patricia D'Orange Martin commented that an additional counselor isn't necessary if they can have designated counselors dedicated to veterans, just like there are dedicated counselors for athletes. Bill Withrow replied that it was a good point and ask the group if they had any more comments. No other comments were provided.

Discussion: 3.03 CCLC Legislative Update

Ryan McElhinney presented this agenda item. He introduced himself as the Policy and Advocacy Manager for the League. He shared that there haven't been any bills introduced this year specifically around veterans, but that there were still two and a half more weeks where legislators can introduce bills. He shared that the state legislature is very cautious about introducing new funding mandates or new initiatives in the era of COVID-19. He asked if anyone had any questions for him. Nancy Montgomery pointed out that one of the main issues she would like to highlight is making sure students have nourishment and housing. She pointed out that the original SB 85 Bill did not have guidance on the accountability for funds or a definite procedural process of the method of how the allocation would be, and she would like more definition regarding that. Ryan McElhinney stated those are excellent questions and that the Chancellor's office could address that. He stated that the first stop for him would be to note what kind of tracking metrics are they using and can they be shared. Nancy Montgomery replied that there are no metrics, accountability or reports.

Discussion: 3.04 Annual Plaque Award Recipient: Senator Roth

Douglas Houston introduced Senator Roth to the meeting attendees. He provided some highlights regarding Senator Roth. He shared that Senator Roth has over 32 years of active and reserve service for the Air Force. He was elected to the California Senate in 2021 and chairs the Senate Standing Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, as well as serves on the Joint Legislative Committee on Rules and Senate Policy.

Committees on Health Insurance and Military and Veteran Affairs. Nancy Montgomery presented the award on behalf of the Veterans Caucus. Nancy Montgomery recognized Senator Roth for all the work he's done for our veterans. She shared that Senator Roth has helped over 90,000 veterans in the California Community Colleges, and through funding he has allowed colleges to have functioning Veterans Resource Centers. Senator Roth thanked Nancy for the kind words. He shared that working on behalf of the Veterans Caucus, and all the veterans in the California Education system has been one of his most rewarding experiences. He highlighted the importance of veterans having access to appropriate services within our educational system. He pointed out that his colleagues also fought for resources for veterans as well. He shared that he looks forward to continue supporting veterans and thanks the caucus for what they do to continue to uplift veterans and amplify their voices. Bill Withrow thanked Senator Roth and asked the group if they had questions or comments. Larry Kennedy pointed out that there is not dedicated funding for counselors for veterans. Senator Roth replied that he's happy to take that on and highlighted the importance of having those mental health counseling services in order to ensure the success of veterans once they enter our system. Senator Roth pointed out that due to the pandemic, there has been a structural deficit in the state of California, and once they figure that out and have a stabilized budget, they can re-engage on mental health counseling and educational services counseling. Nancy Montgomery noted that it would be nice to have a stable, more sustainable accountability and allocation of funds, and that it's something to work on. Senator Roth shared that during one of the Education Budget Subcommittee hearings he asked the question about the allocation of the Veterans Resource Center funds, and the answer he received was not totally satisfactory or specific, and when he tried to follow up, the response was that they have a staffing issue. He shared that he will try to reengage, but noted that he is not on the Education Budget Subcommittee anymore, and that he will ask his staff to approach the CCCC and the Chancellor to follow up on that question. Senator Roth suggested that the group members can individually approach their college presidents or representative, and raise the issue. He will raise the issue through the community college district that's in the senate district he represents. Patricia D'Orange Martin pointed out that it's very difficult to get an accurate veterans count and that is one of the issues with accountability. She suggested that one way to unify the system is to use the DD 214 which gives a validation of their service. Senator Roth pointed out that some people don't believe they are a veteran because they did not serve in a combat zone. He also shared that if a person served in the National Guard, or reserve, and did not serve an extended active duty, and never retired, they would not get a DD 214. He suggested that maybe the members of this group can form a committee group to figure out the various iteration of this to help not leave anyone out of the equation. He also suggested helping veterans self-identify to that they can receive those services. Douglas Houston thanked Senator Roth for everything he's done for veterans and joining the meeting today. Senator Roth replied he's honored and privileged and looks forward to working with the Veterans Caucus in the future.

4. New Business

Discussion: 4.01 Upcoming Events

There were no upcoming events shared.

Discussion: 4.02 California State Chancellor Office VRC Funding allocation process/Legislation

Patti D'Orange-Martin asked if a committee will be formed to look at how veteran status is validated across the board. Bill Withrow replied that the Executive Committee will be taking a look at that and develop a set of goals.

Discussion: 4.03 Credit for Prior Education and Experience

Bill Withrow explained that this topic is about helping veterans get credit for prior education and experience. He noted this is a complicated subject and they need to develop a strategy to address this topic. He pointed out an example of this which involves the inability to use the VA to get credit for online courses, and the current use of a waiver. Nancy Montgomery pointed out that they have attended several recent military credit webinars and at Palomar, they have an excellent review of how they're accepting prior credit and utilizing it. She suggested inviting their representative to one of the meetings to share information. Nancy Montgomery to touch basis with the representative and send information to the group.

Discussion: 4.04 Advocating and Lobbying to the State Assembly and Senate

Bill Withrow noted that one of the topics that has been brought up in discussion is the need for a strategy to provide a focused meaningful discussion around advocating and lobbying.

Discussion: 4.05 Lobbying the State and Federal Veterans Administration

This agenda item was addressed in agenda item 4.04 and a more focused discussion on this is planned for a future meeting.

5. Adjournment

Procedural: 5.01 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	3. Updates
Subject	3.01 Attendee Report on Operations at their Colleges
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The members of the Veterans Caucus and attendees to have a discussion regarding operations at their colleges.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	3. Updates
Subject	3.02 Credit for Prior Education and Experience
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding credit for prior education and experience for veterans while on active duty.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
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The members of the Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding: advocating and lobbying to the State Assembly and Senate.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	3. Updates
Subject	3.04 Lobbying the State and Federal Veterans Administration
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding lobbying the state and federal Veterans Administration.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.01 Upcoming Events
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding upcoming events.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.02 AB 1040 Ethnic Studies
Access	Public
Type	Action, Discussion

Public Content

The members of Veterans Caucus will have a discussion regarding AB 1040 Ethnic Studies.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 06, 2021 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	5. Adjournment
Subject	5.01 Adjournment
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Public Content



Veterans Caucus Meeting Agenda November 18, 2:30-3:25 Zoom meeting

Thu - Nov 18

California Community
Colleges Veterans Caucus (**CCCVC**)
Meeting ID: 970 2489 4701
Passcode: CCCVC

1. Welcome and Announcements: Bill Withrow, Co-Chair

Executive Committee: Doug Houston, Greg Gillespie, Larry Kennedy and Nancy Montgomery

2. Review May 6, 2021, Caucus Meeting Minutes (link below)

3. Guest speakers: Ezekiel Hall and Miatta Snetter

(Bios below) Introduced by Nancy Montgomery

4. Attendee Report on Operations at their Colleges

5. Credit for Prior Education and Experience

6. Advocating and Lobbying to the State Assembly and Senate

7. Lobbying the State and Federal Veterans Administration

8. New Business

9. Upcoming Events

10. Adjournment



Veterans Caucus Meeting Agenda November 18, 2:30-3:25 Zoom meeting

Thu - Nov 18	California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus (CCCVC) Meeting ID: 970 2489 4701 Passcode: CCCVC
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Link to Zoom Veterans Caucus meeting May 6, 2021

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VETERANS CAUCUS SPEAKERS for CCLC November 18 meeting

Speaker Ezekiel Hall:

Zeke grew up in Wisconsin and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. He has been working at Irvine Valley College (IVC) for over 15 years and as the VA School Certifying Official for 10 years. Zeke has worked in a variety of student service areas such as Admissions and Records, Matriculation and Financial Aid. He has developed systems for intake and an organized auditing system for his certification of the veterans at IVC. Zeke has advocated at the State for veterans funding and is an advocate for veterans across the state. He has currently been collaborating with Congressman Levin's office with the issue of punitive grade system that will affect the current veterans in community colleges.

Speaker Dr. Miatta Snetter:

Dr. Miatta Snetter is a California licensed Clinical Psychologist, and the Director of Clinical Services for the U.S. VETS Outside the Wire program in Orange County. She has served the veteran community for 16 years, across numerous sites, including working at the VA Hospital, Vet Center and CBOCs. She has provided therapy to veterans of all recent combat eras and treated conditions most commonly experienced by veterans, including Anxiety, Depression, Insomnia, Bi-Polar, PTSD as well as psychosocial stress related to challenges. She is considered an expert in treating female veterans for MST. She has worked along-side IVC in their quest for State Legislative funding and is a real advocate for veteran's mental health across the State.