



**California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus
Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2020
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Notes

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Present:

Larry Kennedy, Ventura County CCD Trustee
Greg Gillespie, Ventura County CCD Chancellor
Doug Houston, Yuba CCD Chancellor
Ric Teagarden, Yuba CCD Trustee
Joe Wyse, Shasta College President
Donna Ziel, Cabrillo CCD Trustee
Todd Steffon, Las Positas College Veterans Supervisor
Dolores Davison, ASCCC Vice President
Nancy Montgomery, Irvine Valley College Assistant Dean of Health, Wellness and Veterans Services
Mike Martin, Solano CCD Trustee

Introductions completed.

2. Update of Vet activities

Dolores Davison, Vice President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, summarized work on prior learning credit. The Academic Senate has identified 6-7 courses/programs that are most common across the system. The intent is to create a crosswalk that assigns credit for various types/lengths of military work training. Evaluation of military credit resulting in uniform application to degrees/classes is an important priority. Formal articulation of the Joint Services Transcript (JST) was discussed.

3. Operations Report

Nancy Montgomery, Irvine Valley College Assistant Dean of Health, Wellness and Veterans Services, provided the following report:

- The State of Veterans in California Community Colleges report and identified 6 (RP Group) key priorities based on data. The conclusion is we still do not know enough details on this population we serve.

- \$2 million grant and team with system representatives. Community Colleges have \$15 million to support Veteran Resource Centers (VRC) (ongoing). These funds should be going only to VRC expenses. Follow up surveys will be sent to determine where/how funds are being used.
- Advocate for a better support system for veterans thru VRCs. Looking to increase amount to provide base funding counselor/intake personnel. Data on female veterans is limited; however female veterans tend to have higher suicide rates, be single mothers, and have challenges with homelessness.

4. Legislative Updates

Legislative sessions have recently started, therefore more information will be available at the next meeting in May during the Annual Trustees Conference.

5. Annual Plaque Award

There was agreement to present California State Senator Richard Roth the Annual Plaque Award in recognition of his support of Veteran students.

6. Upcoming Events

California Community Colleges Veterans Symposium is scheduled April 6-7, 2020, Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa. Early Bird Registration ends March 9th. Use this link to register:

<https://californiacommunitycolleges.cventevents.com/events/2020-veterans-symposium/registration-eeeb61b3b997457c827a644cb72ae2b1.aspx?5S,M3,eeeb61b3-b997-457c-827a-644cb72ae2b1=&fqp=true>

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned.