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♦ Nadine Henley	♦ Sean Osborne	♦ Maryann Tolano-Leveque (<i>A</i>)
♦ Michelle Hernandez	♦ Ana Quiroz	♦ Lilianna Verduzco
♦ Dana Hester (<i>A</i>)	♦ Richard Rams (Chair)	♦ Jayson Chan (ASCC)
♦ Elaine Lipiz Gonzalez	♦ Tommy Reyes (<i>A</i>)	♦ Patty Flores (ASCC)
♦ Jessica Lopez Jimenez	♦ David Rodriguez (<i>A</i>)	♦ Garcia, Christina (Admin)

MINUTES

I. WELCOME

- a. Introduction – The group introduced themselves and welcomed the new faculty rep, Angelique Scheuermann. Dr. Rams provided a very brief overview of the format for SSC Meetings.

II. INFORMATION

- a. Brief Focused Program Updates

- i. NextUp – *S. Gonzales-Tapia*

1. Sara Gonzales-Tapia shared the following updates:

- a. NextUp is now its own stand-alone categorical program and is no longer under the direction of EOP&S. Staff support is growing, as the team has welcomed Samantha Lamas (NextUp Assistant Coordinator – part time), Frankie Ramos and Omar Ramos (NextUp Student Ambassadors), and Eduardo Lopez (NextUp Counselor).
 - b. As of October 24th, Title 5 regulations have changed, including:
 - i. NextUp is now formally separated from EOPS and is an independent categorical program
 - ii. NextUp has its own set of regulations separate from EOP&S
 - iii. Students may only continue in EOP&S if they meet current EOP&S eligibility requirements
 - iv. Benefits of program separation ensure that the unique needs of current and former foster youth are recognized at the regulatory level
 - c. The team has worked diligently over the summer to implement the following:
 - i. New NextUp orientation
 - ii. New NextUp application
 - iii. Student contract
 - iv. Microsoft teams
 - v. Student responsibilities including:

1. Meeting at least 3 times in the semester
 2. Attending 1 CC event in the fall & 1 in the spring
 3. Must meet with counselor to complete Student Education Plan (first half of semester)
 4. Meet with NextUp coordinator at least once
 5. Meet with counselor (second half of semester)
- d. The program currently has 42 students, with 22 of those also participating in EOP&S
 - e. Mikisha and two students presented at the September Foundation Board Meeting; this resulted in one of the board members pledging to donating funds to the Citrus College NextUp Program, including: 10 \$100 grocery gift cards, emergency grants, and two \$2,000 kits for spring students in the cosmetology program.
 - f. The goal is to grow the program to 60 students.
- ii. Mental Health Services – *N. Henley*
 1. Nadine Henly shared the following updates:
 - a. Staff includes:
 - i. Dr. Tolano-Leveque, Dean of Students
 - ii. Nadine Henley, Mental Health Supervisor
 - iii. Yolanda Renteria, Health Services Assistant
 - iv. Jared Garcia, Part-time Therapist
 - v. Sarah Bernal, Part-time Therapist
 - vi. Rachel Enamorado, APU Masters in Social Work Intern
 - vii. Shauna Bigby, College Nurse
 - viii. Sandra Tello-Gamboa, Nurse
 - ix. Dr. Ann Walker, Physician
 - b. Successes for 2024-25 AY included:
 - i. Classroom presentations
 - ii. Virtual and in-person therapy
 - iii. Instagram account created
 - iv. 16 activities with 371 student attendees
 - v. 22 neuro divergent groups with 51 student attendees
 - vi. Hosted black student success week
 - vii. Counseling offered in person & on zoom
 - viii. Established a satellite office in athletics
 - ix. Began a weekly neurodivergent drop in group
 - x. Electronic health records system: Titanium
 - c. Trends include:
 - i. Increase in mental health crisis
 - ii. Increase of proactive students versus reactive students seeking help
 - iii. Increase in Suicidal Ideation with a plan
 - iv. Increase of staff/student awareness of services offered and warm hand-offs
 - b. 2025 Chaptered Legislative Report: Five bills of interest to spotlight – *Dr. Rams*
 - i. Dr. Rams has forwarded this document to the team for review. Please review your respective areas with your deans. Dr. Rams will prepare a written report to share with

Student Services Committee in the spring. During this meeting, he briefly highlighted the following five items of interest.

1. AB 42: Excludes student aid from CalWORKs and CalFresh eligibility calculations
2. AB 243: Permits sworn statements for dependency verification for financial aid purposes
3. AB 466: Mandating organ and tissue donation education during orientation
4. AB 727: Requiring the inclusion of the Trevor Project crisis hotline on student ID cards
5. SB 271: Expands definition of basic needs and clarifies aid eligibility for students with dependent children

III. **NEW BUSINESS: *Action Items***

- a. Approval of 10/09/25 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion: E. Lipiz Gonzalez; 2nd: S. Osborne; Opposed: None; Abstained: S. Fahey;
Approved
- b. Draft 2027-28 Academic Calendar – *Dr. Sequeira*
 - i. Dr. Rams reviewed the following features of the calendar for the 2027-28 academic year: adding the numbers of each week, including state election information
 - ii. Motion: S. Fahey; 2nd: C. Lamoureux; Opposed: None; Abstained: None; **Approved**

IV. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- c. 2025-26 AY Meeting Dates; 2nd Thursday of the month; 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
 - i. **December 11, 2025** (finals week)
 - ii. March 12, 2026
 - iii. April 9, 2026
 - iv. May 14, 2026
 - v. June 11, 2026 (finals week/ day before Commencement)