



**Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Veterans Caucus Business Meeting**

3:45 pm

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3. Updates

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4.03 CCLC Veterans Caucus webpage and research materials

5. Adjournment

5.01 Adjournment



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Nov 18, 2020 - 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	Nov 18, 2020 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	2. Review October 13, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes
Subject	2.01 Review October 13, 2020 Caucus Business Meeting Minutes
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to review the October 13, 2020 Veterans Caucus Business meeting minutes.

[2020 10.13 Veterans Caucus Business Meeting Notes DRAFT.pdf \(518 KB\)](#)



**California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus
Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
10:00 am – 11:00 am**

Notes

Present:

Larry Kennedy, Ventura County CCD Trustee
Bill Withrow, Peralta CCD Trustee
Greg Gillespie, Ventura County CCD Chancellor
Nancy Montgomery, Irvine Valley College Assistant Dean of Health, Wellness and Veterans Services
Patti Blair, Administrative Officer to Ventura County CCD Chancellor and Trustees

Recorder:

Gina Paduano

1. Welcome and Announcements

Larry Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Introductions completed. It was announced that this meeting is in preparation for the CCLC Annual Meeting.

2. Review January 26, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes

2.01 Review January 26, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes

The meeting notes were approved.

3. Updates

3.01 Review the Bylaws

It was noted that there is an election coming up. Larry Kennedy shared that he is not on the ballot, but he plans to be active on the Veterans Caucus. Bill Withrow shared he is on the ballot, and there is an opponent for the first time since 2004. It was noted that there are three people running for Larry Kennedy Trustee position. It was mentioned that Larry Kennedy can be on the bylaws as an emeritus trustee and he recommended that Bill Withrow be the next Veterans Caucus Chair. After further discussion of the bylaws, Bill Withrow moved to approve the bylaws. Nancy Montgomery seconded. The bylaws were approved.

3.02 Fiscal Report

Bill Withrow stated that he had a briefing on getting credit for military education, and requested adding this to the agenda for the CCLC conference. Greg Gillespie suggested reaching out to Dolores, who is the state Academic Senate President. Nancy Montgomery noted that not much could be changed due to COVID. She stated that the classes that were submitted for any content approval has been stagnant, and noted that Dolores could provide an update on the status. Bill Withrow stated that military education is not being accepted as college credit, and he hopes to get some attention on it. Nancy Montgomery stated that they have to go through the Board of Registered Nursing to get that approval, and that this caucus can write a letter to them. She feels like this group can ask the Board to look into this matter and possibly form a committee to address it. Bill Withrow shared his concern for the early retirement of nurses. Nancy Montgomery stated she can pull the curriculum and classes for the first semester and bring it back it to this meeting to show what they can competency test out of, and send it to the Board of Registered Nursing, in hopes to waive the first semester. Greg Gillespie noted that there are certain prerequisites that are required for the program. Nancy Montgomery suggested that they should look at applicant's backgrounds. She shared her experience at Cerritos College where she wanted ten percent of admissions be reserved for veterans. Larry Kennedy suggested reaching out to Larry Galizio to make sure there is no conflict, and to send that letter to him.

The members reviewed the fiscal report and noted there is a balance of approximately \$13,000. Larry Kennedy pointed out that most of the money is used at actual CCLC meetings, awards, and food & beverage accommodations and commented that there are approximately 25-30 members. Larry Kennedy pointed out that it would be renewed the second year of fiscal year 21. Greg Gillespie suggested that it would be helpful for Larry Kennedy to draft a letter to remind other about the Veterans Caucus and remind them about renewal. There was some discussion about who to send this reminder letter to; Nancy Montgomery suggested that it be sent to the Veterans Resource Center designated person and the college president; she mentioned a list that the Chancellor's Office has, and stated that she can share it. There was a discussion about sending this to the Chair of each board as well, and Larry Kennedy asked if there was a list of those people. Patti Blair replied that she can get a list. Bill Withrow suggested adding the counselors in the Veterans Resource Centers in the dialogue about this. It was suggested to revisit this conversation in February.

3.03 Legislative Update

Nancy Montgomery stated there were issues with taking courses online with the GI bill; they had to get it approved with the VA. She explained that that veterans groups went to Washington, D.C., and they changed it. The result was that through December 2021, the in-person classes can be converted to online classes due to COVID-19, and all veterans will get their board and housing. The only issue is that there are several colleges putting strictly online only in their catalogs, and the VA needs specific language. They are working with the VA to make sure that its fine. She also shared that VA work-study was approved. Larry Kennedy asked if the Veterans Service Organizations are online. Nancy Montgomery commented that a lot of people were let go, and the positions were rare in every county.

3.04 Other Member Updates

There were no other member updates given.

4. New Business

4.01 November 18, 2020 Caucus Session Planning

Larry Kennedy shared that he will be at the session planning meeting, and there will be elections for the new officer positions. The following agenda was suggested

- Review of October 13, 2020 Business Meeting Notes
- Officer Elections
- Update from State Academic Senate President
- CCLC Legislative Update
- Fiscal/Budget Report
- Senator Roth Award
- CCLC Veterans Caucus webpage and research materials

5. Adjournment

Procedural: 5.01 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55am.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Nov 18, 2020 - 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	Nov 18, 2020 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	3. Updates
Subject	3.02 Fiscal/Budget Report
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding the fiscal/budget report.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Nov 18, 2020 - 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	Nov 18, 2020 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.01 Officer Elections
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to discuss Officer Elections.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Nov 18, 2020 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.02 Senator Roth Award
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to address the following agenda item: Senator Roth Award.



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Meeting	Nov 18, 2020 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category	4. New Business
Subject	4.03 CCLC Veterans Caucus webpage and research materials
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

The members of the California Community Colleges Veterans Caucus to have a discussion regarding CCLC Veterans Caucus webpage and research materials.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting Nov 18, 2020 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting
Category 5. Adjournment
Subject 5.01 Adjournment
Access Public
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