



**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**  
**Veterans Caucus Business Meeting**

**3:00 pm-3:50pm**

**This meeting is being held via Zoom.**

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**1. Welcome and Announcements**

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1.01 Welcome and Announcements

**2. Review November 18, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes**

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**3. Updates**

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3.01 Update from the State Academic Senate President

3.02 Attendee Report on Operations at their Colleges

3.03 CCLC Legislative Update

3.04 Annual Plaque Award Recipient: Senator Roth

**4. New Business**

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4.01 Upcoming Events

4.02 CA State Chancellor Office VRC Funding allocation process/Legislation

4.03 Credit for Prior Education and Experience

4.04 Advocating and Lobbying to the State Assembly and Senate

4.05 Lobbying the State and Federal Veterans Administration

**5. Adjournment**

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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	<a href="#">View Minutes for Nov 18, 2020 - Veterans Caucus Business Meeting</a>

### 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

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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 Siskiyou	\$ 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

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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](mailto:veterans@cccoco.edu).

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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**