

Present: Randy Anderson, Paul Aranda (Veterans Upward Bound), Nick Arman, Melody Meldrum, Cristy Passman, Carol Tanenbaum (The Soldiers Project), Jeremy Villar, Charles Wilson

Item #	Topic Description	Comments
1.	WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council reviewed and approved the July 28th meeting minutes with one correction – the Muskogee Call Center has received more than 120,000 calls (not 100,000 as indicated on the draft of minutes).
2.	CHAIR REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of August 2009, the Veterans Scholarship Funds has \$420 deposited in the Foundation account. Mr. Nick Arman has accepted the Veterans Counselor position. His assignment will start on August 31, 2009, the first day of the fall semester. Los Angeles City College has applied for a federal grant to fund a project that will support displaced veterans who are returning to community college.
3.	OFF-CAMPUS PARTNERS REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Soldiers Project has been seeing a lot of veterans and their family members. The Soldiers Project may be able to find volunteer therapist to assist veterans on campus. Carol will send information about their program to the council to promote the availability of services to family members of veterans. Jeremy will send the information to the ALL LACC Users group to promote the availability of services among the LACC staff veterans and their family members. Randy indicated that the Health and Wellness Center has two therapists available for vets. They are currently in the process of recruiting a psychologist to work during the day. Christy suggested that we contact professional associations for possible referrals. An ideal candidate would be a psychologist who had recently retired from the profession. Paul from Veterans Upward Bound introduced himself to the council and distributed brochures. Veterans Upward Bound will be hosting a College and Career Fair on Saturday, September 26th Veterans Upward Bound offers 6 weeks of Math and English classes designed to help veterans to be college ready.
4.	OLD BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Helping Veterans Adjust to College flyer will be included in the Flex Day folders for faculty. The Veteran Student Handbooks is in its final stages of review. Once formatted, a copy will be sent to council members for final review. Jeremy will ask Dr. Moore to write a welcome message for the handbook.
5.	NEW BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An orientation for new veterans will take place on Friday, August 28th An orientation for All student veterans will be held in late September A meeting for all Region 7 schools (Los Angeles area) is being planned for October Cristy and Nick have agreed to participate in a sub-committee that will plan for the Veterans Appreciation Day. Due to the Marines birthday falling on November 10th, the Veterans Appreciation Day has been moved to Thursday, November 12th.
6.	WRAP-UP	Next meeting – The result of survey shows that most people would prefer for the council to meet on Friday mornings – Fall 2009 schedule – 9/25, 10/30, 11/20 and 12/11.