

Present: Randy Anderson, Vernon Bridges, Yesenia Guerra, Melody Meldrum, Jeremy Villar, Charles Wilson

Item #	Topic Description	Comments
1.	WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council reviewed and approved the June 30th meeting minutes.
2.	VETERANS HANDBOOK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft of the Veterans Handbook was distributed to council members. Several council members have already made suggestions to the handbook.
3.	OPEN DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melody learned from the WAVES conference that Muskogee Call Center has received 100,000 calls inquiring about the new Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill. The Office of Veterans Affairs is having a staffing and space issues due to influx of students for the upcoming fall 2009 semester. Charles presented ideas on his proposed Veterans Emergency Funds. (See attached notes) Jeremy talked about the possibility of partnering with CHEGG (chegg.com), an on-line textbook rental whose business model is Netflix to assist veterans who don't qualify for textbook assistance from financial aid and EOPS. The college will be applying for a federal grant focusing on displaced Veterans workers. The college is seeking funding for a 50% project director, academic counselor, learning specialist counselor, financial aid technician, textbook program, computer loan program. Since the primary focus of the faculty flex day will be Student Learning Outcome, the council reviewed a draft of "Helping Veterans Adjust to College" flyer for distribution to faculty and staff. A Veterans Counselor funded by the ACE/Wal-Mart grant should be in place by mid- August.
4.	UPCOMING PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An orientation for New Veterans Students in late August. An orientation for all Veterans Students in late September A survey to assess needs of veterans in September
5.	WRAP-UP	Next meeting – August 25 th