



SEA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Hyflex, A149 & Zoom
<https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/j/2523858705> 12 (noon) – 1:00 pm

Attendance: Dr. Mildred Lewis, Ms. Anna O’Neal, and Ms. Maha Elaidy, Mr. Jeremy Simmons
(Presenter) Ms. Johanna Caranza, Ms. Pich Hatha Deap

Topic	Facilitator	Min	Action	Outcomes/Follow Up Actions
Call to Order	Lewis	2	Call to order	The SEA Committee Meeting was called to order at 12:02. Quorum was met.
Adoption of Agenda	Lewis	2	Approved	Motion to adopt the agenda by O’Neal, Second by Elaidy
Review & Approve Meeting Minutes	Lewis	5	Approved	Motion to adopt the agenda by O’Neal, Second by Elaidy
Presentation: Basic Needs Program	Simmons	35	Information & Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simmons highlighted initiatives to support students, such as Tasty Tuesdays, Snacks for Finals, and the One Stop Shop pantry. During the fall semester, it welcomed 396 student visitors, averaging 9.7 visits per day.• Simmons explained the process of checking students' ID cards to confirm their current status, noting that the focus is on assisting current students. However, he emphasized his commitment to helping all students, regardless of their status. Additionally, Simmons is considering launching a "kindness walk" initiative, where jackets can be exchanged, to encourage kindness and resource sharing.• Simmons outlined the range of programs and services Basic Needs

				<p>offer, including the emergency food grant, the Project Success Emergency Aid Grant, and the Wi-Fi Hotspots program. He noted the success of these initiatives, with 93 food grants and 17 emergency aid grants awarded in the past year, and 82 students currently utilizing Wi-Fi Hotspots. Simmons also shared plans to launch new grants—covering transportation, school supplies, student parents, and professional clothing. However, he expressed concerns about the risk of these funds being quickly depleted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simmons discussed the challenges of providing housing or hotel vouchers for students at Peralta, citing legal and funding issues. Simmons also mentioned that he has been trying to secure a hotel voucher system for emergency housing situations, with the help of the city of Alameda's Housing and Human Services Office. • Simmons discussed plans to expand the campus pantry by exploring larger spaces and extending hours into the evening to accommodate students with night classes. He also emphasized the need for proper supervision during extended hours. • Simmons explained that the basic needs program is funded by state funds, which may need to be reduced due to limited resources. She hopes to continue the Tasty Tuesday program and suggested the bookstore as a potential location for food service, depending on district plans. • Simmons is working to connect with local shelters and secure housing vouchers but faces challenges due to county backlogs and system barriers.
Presentation Q & A	Lewis	10	Information	
Adjournment				Meeting adjourned at