

DACC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Daniel Castillo
 Laura Salazar Flores

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Maria Flores
 Ray Jaramillo

Guests Present:

Dan Arvizu, NMSU Chancellor
 Ken VanWinkle, NMSU Branch Executive Director

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Lupe Castillo
 Elva Garay

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Charles Abasa-Nyarko	Sally Harper
Ryan Armendariz	Argie Hernandez
Lydia Bagwell	Ike Ledesma
Shannon Bradley	Kristi Martin
Kelly Brooks	Vita Montano
Joe Butler	Patty Montoya
Josie Carmona	Chipper Moore
Sandra Castillo	Fred Owensby
Jiming Chu	Diane Pierce
Amy Collins	Debasmita Roychowdhury
Becky Corran	Hiranya Roychowdhury
Maria Ethier	Kim Seifert
Rusty Fox	Mónica Torres
Alfredo Guerrero	Mary Ulrich
Vicki Haggard	Mary Beth Worley

Call to Order: Ms. Elva Garay, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:04 PM on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

Roll Call: R. Jaramillo called roll; participants noted above were present. A quorum of the Advisory Board was present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by R. Jaramillo; seconded by M. Flores; no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2019 Motion to approve May 7, 2020 minutes as presented made by M. Flores; seconded by R. Jaramillo; no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Looking Ahead – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: Dr. Torres welcomed everyone to the meeting. She noted all of the different things that have taken place since seeing the Board at the last meeting in May. Theme of this meeting will be the “state of the college.” Dr. Torres items such as the value proposition for education, the positive impacts education has on individuals and communities all in relation to DACC’s strategic direction – ensure citizens of Doña Ana County with access and benefit from the opportunities available at DACC.

Decision/Action: None.

2. System Integration – Dr. Dan Arvizu, NMSU Chancellor

Key Discussion Points: NMSU Chancellor, Dr. Dan Arvizu presented to the board information on the systems administrative realignment – branch campus restructuring. Each campus has unique traits tailored to the communities they serve. The decision to move quickly on the restructuring was precipitated by serious budget crunches, namely a system level significant cut to I&G funding which mostly pays for salaries. The community colleges are in better shape than NMSU Main – \$11M cut for NMSU before fully

accounting for revenue losses not yet recognized; ~\$1M for DACC; and ~\$2M from the other 3 community colleges combined. Chancellor is meeting with each of the communities impacted. Restructuring of governance approach for 3 smaller campuses, will leave DACC as is for now. Declining enrollment for the entire system was reviewed. Chancellor will investigate what, if anything, needs to be done with DACC administrative structure. “Swirling” (students who are co-enrolled between different campuses in the system) has been stopped. Students declared as NMSU majors are not allowed to take courses at any of the community colleges. Swirling accounts for an ~\$7.5M loss in revenue for NMSU per year. The swirling situation also has federal financial aid implications. DACC spends a lot of money providing classes for the Early College High Schools and dual credit and don’t receive much, if any revenue/compensation for these courses. Goal is to engage in communities in ways that meet their needs better than we have before. Mission of community college is not to change. Chancellor wants community colleges to look into working with Arrowhead Park. Make sure we are advocating in the communities, to make more of an impact at lower operational expenses, and to do things differently and more impactful. IPEDS data was reviewed regarding I&G Total cost per student FTE; I&G Salary cost per student FTE and per degree/certificate granted – DACC does a lot more with less. But should DACC offer more certificates due to changing environment. Integrated system means to integrate synergy for all involved in the system.

Decision/Action: None.

3. COVID-19 Updates and Prevention Planning – Amy Collins & Becky Corran

Key Discussion Points: Amy Collins, DACC Contact Tracer & Becky Corran, Public Health Professor provided an update regarding COVID-19 as it relates to DACC. COVID-19 impacts to DACC specifically, health disparities, our student population (many essential workers) were discussed. Not just impacts on our state, but our students that come from El Paso and the surrounding border area. This is all considered when determining how to deliver our services best. Spread rate is again on an upward trend. Reviewed DACC COVID Response Framework which is based on the NMSU Ready Plan, NMHED, DOH, CDC guidelines. DACC emergency decision-making values were highlighted. Minimize contact, control spread – everything that can be offered remotely will be. Prior to coming onto campus, everyone must do building check-in and self-assessment process. Goal is to minimize and mitigate spread of the virus. Working to provide materials in both English and Spanish. DACC is ensuring social distancing and limiting the density of individuals in approved lab/hybrid classes; building check-in procedures for all coming to campus; follow-up by identifying high risk individuals to reduce risk of spread, and contact tracing. Please refer to the September 3, 2020 Meeting Binder on the DACC Advisory Board’s website for complete presentation (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/advisoryboard/>).

Decision/Action: None.

4. Academic Affairs – Dr. Charles Abasa-Nyarko

Key Discussion Points: Provided update on academic affairs including an overview of online and hybrid instruction and preparations (training) for faculty and staff. Announced new faculty and staff. Announced new degrees (2) and certificates (8) and certificate of achievement (1). Faculty and staff accomplishments were highlighted. Please refer to the September 3, 2020 Meeting Binder on the DACC Advisory Board’s website for complete presentation (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/advisoryboard/>).

Decision/Action:

5. Business & Finance – Ms. Kelly Brooks

Key Discussion Points: K. Brooks updated the group on the 2020-21 budget situation. Pandemic and falling oil and gas revenues mean significant budget cuts. Discussed projected revenue impacts; significant impact from declining enrollment; and projected expenditure impacts. College-wide budget reductions, departments are to provide targeted reductions at both 5% and 10% to cover approximately \$800K. Plan for current and future potential impacts. Following DACC budget principles: positions and initiatives that drive student success; opportunities that promise new sources of revenue; eliminate operations duplication where possible; seek budgetary solutions; prioritize keeping existing personnel where possible (80% of budget is salary and fringes); and alignment with DACC's strategic plan. Statewide GO Bond projects will be on the November ballot – creative campus information provided, including draft framework; collaborative effort to building state-of-the-art center of digital media complex. Will benefit all district public school students. Hoping to do bond sale in February 2021 and possible refunding.

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Decision/Action: None.

6. External Relations – Ms. Kristi Martin

Key Discussion Points: Updates provided on scholarships and grants; and the new “reopening the doors to education” campaign. Marketing update – DACC now has a YouTube channel with a dedicated name. Data from all of this is used to continue to reach members of our community. Events – KTSM news interview regarding iPad initiative; distinguished alumni ambassadors; and other community engagement events. The “Mask Up Las Cruces” Free Drive-Thru Mask Drive was held on 9/3/20 with 345 vehicles and distributed approximately 1,380 masks to children in Las Cruces.

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Decision/Action: None.

7. Student Services – Mr. Ike Ledesma

Key Discussion Points: Freshman enrollment funnel was reviewed. DACC is currently dealing with a barrier created by the inability to bring students on campus due to COVID. Events discussed included student engagement (activities that include the college, academic support, student government, and student clubs), iPad initiative, etc.

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Decision/Action: None.

8. Board Announcements and Comments

Key Discussion Points: Tentative Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, November 5, 2020

Decision/Action: M. Torres closed by thanking board members for their attendance and patience.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Jaramillo, Secretary
DACC Advisory Board