

DACC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:
 Daniel Castillo
 Laura Salazar Flores

Hatch School Board Members Present:
 Lupe Castillo
 Elva Garay

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:
 Terrie Dallman
 Maria Flores

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Kelly Brooks	Kristi Martin
Joe Butler	Chipper Moore
Josie Carmona	Fred Owensby
Rusty Fox	Rod Sanchez
Vicki Haggard	Mónica Torres
Ike Ledesma	

Guests Present:
 Erik Harrigan, RBG
 Katherine McKinney, Modrall Sperling

- Call to Order:** Ms. Elva Garay, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:02 PM on Thursday, May 6, 2021.
- Roll Call:** V. Haggard 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 Sra. Flores; seconded by L. Salazar Flores; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2020** Motion to approve November 5, 2020 minutes as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by L. Castillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

1. Appoint New Board Secretary (LCPS) – Elva Garay

Key Discussion Points: LCPS School Board made some changes to who will be representing LCPS on the DACC Advisory Board – Mr. Ray Jaramillo will no longer be serving on the DACC Advisory Board; he is being replaced by Ms. Terrie Dallman. With this change, DACC Board President, Ms. Elva Garay appointed Ms. Terrie Dallman from LCPS to serve as Secretary for the remainder of Mr. Jaramillo’s term expiring March 2022.

Decision/Action: Motion to appoint Ms. Terrie Dallman, LCPS as DACC Advisory Board Secretary made by D. Castillo; seconded by Sra. Flores; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

2. Bond Sale Update – Ms. Katherine McKinney, Mr. Erik Harrigan, Ms. Kelly Brooks

Key Discussion Points: E. Harrigan presented to the Board an update on the bond sale conducted in April 2021; which was approved at the November 2020 Board meeting. Six firms bid; Fidelity Capital Markets came in with the lowest bid; DACC achieved very strong interest rates due in part to our strong Moody’s rating. An overview of refunding of series 2011 bonds was provided; sold with 12-year final maturity date of 2033; lowest interest rate ever at 1.219%. Current market information was also provided.

A copy of the bond sales certificate was provided in the meeting binder. K. McKinney was available to answer any questions.

Please refer to the May 6, 2021 Meeting Binder on the DACC Advisory Board’s website for complete presentation (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/advisoryboard/>).

Decision/Action: None.

3. Operating Agreement – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: M. Torres introduced the topic of reviewing and approving the DACC/NMSU Operating Agreement. The 2018-2020 operating agreement between the DACC Advisory Board and NMSU was provided. Discussion and further review of the agreement will take place at the next meeting.

Decision/Action: DACC President will provide the Board with the 2018-2020 agreement prior to the next meeting and ask that they review and bring any comments/questions to the next meeting.

4. FY 2021-22 Budget Approval – Ms. Kelly Brooks

Key Discussion Points: K. Brooks recognized the hard work of the COVID Safety Team and the DACC Vaccination PODs volunteers. She then went on to present the final 2021-22 Budget to the Board for approval. Items highlighted in the presentation included:

- Breakdown of new money available (base budget, special session revised base budget, mid-year cut, and 2021-22 estimate were discussed).
- Salary and benefit increases (1.5% increase across the board).
- Absorbing the decrease in enrollment (assuming the decrease remains static).
- Unrestricted I&G funds; tuition and fees (no changes being proposed); online course fees will remain being waived for students (a proposal will be submitted to NMSU to change the online fee to a general technology fee which will be charged to all students).
- Money available and budget allocation.
- Breakdown of restricted and unrestricted funds, revenues and expenditures. unrestricted primarily funded by state (3 major elements tuition, state, mil levy).
- Explanation of instruction and general budget changes.
- Higher Ed Emergency Relief Funds HEERF Funding and expenditures, so far DACC has received almost \$3.5M so far. There may be a 3rd allocation of funds. The use of HEERF funds did seem to have a positive impact on student retention from Spring 2020 to Fall 2020.
- State capital monies were used to purchase iPads to distribute to students impacted by the pandemic. Those students who received iPads were retained at 85% vs 77% (students who did not receive an iPad).
- No existing positions were cut, some vacant positions were cut, but only a select few based on a priority process and impact to student success.

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Decision/Action: Motion to approve 2021-22 Operating Budget as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by E. Garay; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

5. College Update – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: M. Torres provided the following college updates.

- Mr. Joe Butler, Acting VP for Academic Affairs was introduced.
- Commencement activities – a drive through commencement celebration will be held at the East Mesa campus over 3 days – May 13-15.
- College update – wrap up of 2020-21 academic year
 - DACC 2025 Strategic Plan that ties to NMSU LEADS 2025 – same goals, but DACC objectives and activities are adapted to our student population. Main goal is to make sure people can access and benefit from educational opportunities.

- The Numbers – enrollment (some loss due to the new NMSU rule that students must take classes at their home campus only), retention (degrees/certificates awarded in 2020, working on how we capture accomplishments of other students), transfers (from DACC to NMSU 10%).
- COVID-19 Operations – most classes and services online (approximately 80%), limited face-to-face interactions in essential areas only, safety protocols developed and implemented, DACC EMC testing site (Curative) and vaccination site with NMDOH.
- Challenges – loss of student enrollment, inability to fully deliver lab instruction, sudden shift to remote learning environment.
- Interventions and initiatives – Ben Archer Clinic, expansion of DHYG clinics, iPad initiative (for students and faculty learning how to use them to teach); Avanza; grant collaborations with NMSU departments, enhanced internal and external communications, modernized marketing campaign, WiFi in DACC parking lots, enhanced standards and support for online teaching, “Thrive at DACC” (community resources, social worker, counselor, enhanced communication with local non-profits), and diversity and equity working group.
- On the horizon – emerging from the COVID crisis – planning with optimism and caution, federal funding, incremental steps to new higher ed reality, opportunity to innovate, expanding non-credit workforce training, collaborations between Adult Education and other units, integrated services center, EON XR, likely expansion of iPad distribution, increase retention and graduation rates.
- Campaign to reach out to “stop-out” students, included flyer in water bills of our county, grassroots initiative recruiting non-traditional students (flyers in communities, etc.).
- On behalf of DACC, M. Torres offered condolences for the loss of LCPS Superintendent Karen Trujillo.

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Decision/Action: None.

6. Board Announcements and Comments

- Key Discussion Points: Tentative Board Meeting Dates
- Thursday, September 2, 2021
 - Thursday, November 4, 2021

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by T. Dallman; seconded by L. Castillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, DACC Advisory Board

