

DACC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Daniel Castillo
Laura Salazar Flores

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Elva Garay
Merlinda Hinojos

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Ray Jaramillo
Teresa Tenorio

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Shannon Bradley	Jennifer Hodges
Kelly Brooks	Ike Ledesma
Joe Butler	Kristi Martin
Rusty Fox	Mark Nunley
Vicki Haggard	Mónica Torres

Guests Present:

- Call to Order:** Ms. Elva Garay, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:05 PM on Thursday, March 3, 2022.
- 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 L. Salazar Flores; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2021** Motion to approve November 4, 2021 minutes as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by R. Jaramillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

1. Election of Board Officers (Term 2022-2024) –

- Key Discussion Points:** Board officers for the 2022-2024 term were elected.
- President – GISD – Motion to nominate and appoint Ms. Laura Salazar Flores as DACC Advisory Board President made by D. Castillo; seconded by R. Jaramillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.
- Vice President – LCPS – Motion to nominate and appoint Mr. Ray Jaramillo as DACC Advisory Board Vice President made by D. Castillo; seconded by M. Hinojos; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.
- Secretary – HVPS – Motion to nominate and appoint Ms. Merlinda Hinojos as DACC Advisory Board Secretary made by L. Salazar Flores; seconded by T. Tenorio; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.
- Decision/Action:** The above new board officers were elected to serve for the 2022-2024 term.
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2. College Update – Dr. Mónica Torres

- Key Discussion Points:** M. Torres noted her appreciation of the creative and innovative faculty and staff at DACC. She provided a college update regarding the value proposition of education (individual, community, and economic impacts; and the opportunity in Doña Ana County. M. Torres highlighted areas/activities in which the college is currently participating: hiring a new VPAA – Dr. Xeturah Woodley will join DACC April 1; continuing to develop our capacity to deliver instruction and services using technology; re-engaging with Achieving the Dream; providing wrap-around services (AVANZA) to entire college; equity project – data equity, faculty fellowship, DIE center at Espina; creative campus – collaboration that promises educational opportunities for students and economic development for the region. New

projects being developed: refining our processes – Achieving the Dream will help us map our processes (student journey from recruitment to completion) and hiring a consultant to help with HR procedures; community engagement – DACC alumni event (4/8 block party), “bring them home” enrollment campaign (students here in 2021 not here now).

L. Salazar-Flores – is there assistance for those who aren’t proficient readers – DACC offers a shortened pathway from developmental to credit courses, as well as integrated courses; provides a more holistic means of placing students into developmental studies; Student Accessibility Services and faculty work individually with students as well.

R. Jaramillo – like the model of mapping the pathway for students and would like to discuss further, possibly taking back to districts to see how their paths are mapped. LCPS talking about how to support students with lower GPAs; how to improve how all students see the next level of education. This is not just a DACC issue, but rather a community issue (there is a need to educate parents that there are other options than just a 4-year degree).

Decision/Action:

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3. Budget Update – Ms. Kelly Brooks

Key Discussion Points:

K. Brooks provided a budget update to the Board. Exact dollar amounts are not yet known, but a brief update was provided on higher education items from the legislative session.

- faculty and staff compensation increase (3% for last qtr of FY22; ~4% increase in FY23; \$15/hr minimum wage for state employees (not students);
- new I&G Funding (~3%, with 1% withheld subject to submission and approval of enrollment strategic plan);
- RPSP funding for Dental Hygiene and Nursing expansion;
- Opportunity Scholarship (one-time and recurring funds); dual credit; work-study funds for students in high demand fields.

Institutional impacts that were highlighted: enrollment decline; compensation gap; fringe benefit increases; local minimum wage increase; positions/existing commitments; local mil levy growth.

Proposals that impact students:

- 135-mile waiver NMSU is already using, DACC proposes using it as well (it will decrease tuition significantly for out-of-district students (students who may attend Sunland Park, but live in El Paso – from \$236 per credit to \$90 per credit));
- academic services fee, effective fall 22 (eliminated distance education fee of \$25 per credit, implementing an Academic Services Fee of \$20 per credit hour to most all courses (some exceptions like practicum/clinical and dual credit) – projected revenue increases of ~\$1.2M, fees still less than majority of peer institutions);
- integrated access bookstore fee (Follett Access) – flat fee per credit hour to cover all books/materials for all courses currently students pay about \$36 per credit for books/materials, we propose \$24/credit hour. Fall 2022 when student registers for course they are also charged for books/materials; all part of tuition and fees so students have all materials needed to be successful the first day of classes. Currently, active for about 200 courses. Students will have the option to opt out but that would be for all classes that semester, can’t opt out for just one or two classes. Faculty still have academic freedom to choose materials that best fit course curriculum. This is a 3-year commitment for the college, prices guaranteed for 2 years; we do have the option to pull out high-cost programs and charge separate fee.

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4. Accreditation Update – Dr. Jennifer Hodges

Key Discussion Points: Institutional accreditation (Higher Learning Commission) – DACC is on the Standard Pathway which is a 10-year cycle. There will be a multi-location visit April 28-29, 2022 for the Espina Campus and the Alta Vista Early College High School. The comprehensive evaluation for reaffirmation visit will take place March 25-26, 2024. Specialized accreditation updates: Nursing Assistant program approval reviewed 12/2021 good for 2 years; Fall 22 Automotive Technology and Building Construction Technology programs will be reviewed. HLC institutional update is due 3/28/22 (this update consists mostly of data from NMSU). Accreditation steering committee is working on the assurance argument and evidence file, which are due to NMSU January 2024, and to HLC in February 2024. J. Hodges has been accepted into the HLC Peer Corps as a peer reviewer.

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5. Next Advisory Board Meeting

Key Discussion Points: Next regularly scheduled Advisory Board meeting conflicts with DACC Commencement (May 5, 2022). The Advisory Board meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Decision/Action: None

6. Events

Key Discussion Points: Upcoming DACC events:

- Alumni Block Party – Friday, April 8, 2022
- DACC Commencement – Thursday, May 5, 2022

Decision/Action: None.

7. Board Announcements and Comments

Key Discussion Points: R. Jaramillo – thankful COVID numbers are decreasing, thank you for providing high quality education even during the pandemic.

T. Tenorio – glad to officially be on the board.

L. Salazar-Flores – LCPS Spring Literacy Extravaganza on 4/14/22.

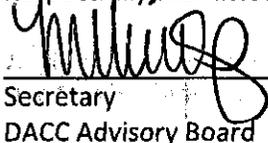
Next Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 10, 2022
- Thursday, September 1, 2022
- Thursday, November 3, 2022

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by E. Garay, seconded by R. Jaramillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary
DACC Advisory Board