

DACC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Laura Salazar Flores
Daniel Castillo

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Elva Garay

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Patrick Nolan
Carol Cooper

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Mónica Torres	Marissa Yniguez
Gerald Giraud	Jennifer Hodges
Kelly Brooks	Mary Ulrich
Ike Ledesma	Mike Luchau
Kristi Martin	Jesse Haas
Chris Odionu	Mark Nunley
Shannon Bradley	Josie Carmona
Joe Butler	Fred Owensby

Call to Order:

Ms. Laura Salazar Flores, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:31 PM on Thursday, October 19, 2023.

Roll Call:

M. Yniguez 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 D. Castillo; seconded by E. Garay; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve April 20, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by P. Nolan no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.
Motion to approve April 20, 2023 meeting minutes as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by P. Nolan no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

1. State of the College – Dr. Mónica Torres, Dr. Gerald Giraud, Ms. Kelly Brooks, Mr. Ike Ledesma, and Ms. Kristi Martin

Key Discussion Points:

M. Torres - Big and busy year; bond election is Nov. 7; celebrating 50th anniversary with a number of events going on; accreditation; opening a new digital media facility at Arrowhead Park; enrollment priorities – “Things that Matter” – access, support, completion, and efficiency; enrollment and retention numbers, we are gaining since COVID hit; discussed retention rate, credentials awarded, and state scholarships; legislative priorities – NMSU System and DACC; next move would be “Measure what Matters” – a way to measure what we say we are doing, with what we are doing.
J. Hodges – Accreditation update – 5 months and 6 days until the team visits our campus on March 25 and 26; a part of the visit will be to meet with the advisory board – typically a breakfast or lunch.
M. Torres – introduced our new interim VP of Academic Affairs.
G. Giraud – went over the six divisions that fall under the office of academic affairs; discussed cross college projects - South County SMART scheduling, which will be implemented in the Fall of 2024; reforming dual credit opportunities for GISD; discussed creative campus and media technology, partnership with NM Media Collective, and Early Childhood Education application for NAEYC accreditation; business and public services – culinary food truck, accreditation in fire science, pulling HOST under ACBSP, exploring business dual credit in Deming for business credit, also obtained an ambulance and food truck; science, engineering and math – NSF funded grant; partnering with Alta Vista Early

College High School for STEM opportunities for Latinos – research program is also being conducted; pursuing new proposals to NSF for continuing support in STEM; Advanced Technologies – new Amazon program that focuses on women; dual credit with local high schools with various technology programs; Health Science – discussed nursing pass rates; accreditation, division student success initiatives, and Costa Rica service trip; Workforce training – discussed all the programs, credentials and employees served; Career and Life Skills Academy; DACC Career expo.

K. Brooks – discussed capital outlay initiatives over the next 5 years; went over our upcoming legislative requests – Gadsden campus access roadway and supplemental request for the creative media technology building; shared photos of the renovations that have been done with previous bond funding; 2023 Local GO Bond request – asking for \$16 million dollars.

I. Ledesma – discussed enrollment, engagement, retention and completion; we are working on increasing outreach, visibility, presence, accessibility, working relationships, and data evaluation; student services provides many activities for students outside of the academic setting to assist in various ways – also provide many academic services that include success coaches, wrap-around-services, tutoring and workshops; Student Government Association – provides additional support for students; major projects include childcare facility, health and wellness clinic, fitness facilities, data literacy and training, overall engagement, and student leadership training; retention – implemented a grad campaign, degree and certificate fees have been eliminated; transition and transfer fair.

K. Martin – the college is going out for the GO Bond; shared numbers from the economic development study and how DACC impacts our community; discussed the activities of institutional analysis; creation of a better and stronger network of alumni; Fall enrollment campaign highlights; grants that have impacted our “Things that Matter” initiatives; web-enterprise highlights – launched a new website design; 50th Anniversary Presidents’ Gala; invited board members to attend.

Decision/Action: None

2. GO Bond Election – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: The GO Bond information was covered in previous discussion.

Decision/Action:

3. DACC’s 50th Anniversary – Ms. Kristi Martin

Key Discussion Points: The 50th Anniversary information was covered in previous discussion.

Decision/Action: None

4. District Reports – Board Members

Key Discussion Points: C. Cooper – exciting things are happening at LCPS; will be tackling the business of engaging families and student achievement; discussed graduation rate concerns.

P. Nolan – love and respect the work of DACC; discussed some possible collaborations and conversations; push to outdoor recreation – how can we do that through DACC; invest the resources coming from the state.

E. Garay – improvements to the schools; they have a daycare for both students and employees; built an outside exercise facility where they use their own body weight; a lot of good things happening in Hatch; discussed collaborating with DACC and encouraging students to attend.

D. Castillo – shared his experience with the accreditation process.

L. Flores – NMSBA region with 12 districts – opportunity to showcase CTE programs; culinary for Gadsden High School and their mariachi program helped with the NMSBA event; November 2, Legislative Primer; Gadsden also has a bond for their election; engaging in cooperative services through a 6 year observation program to increase the graduation and proficiency rate; working with chronic absenteeism; governor is taking initiative to increase the literacy in New Mexico; thanked Dr. Torres for attending GISD board meeting and encouraged a partnership with GISD – interested in the data that would show how many students are moving on to higher ed.

Decision/Action: None

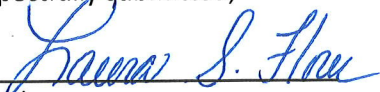
5. Board Announcements and Comments and Next DACC Board Advisory Meeting

Key Discussion Points: Tentative date for the next advisory board meeting will be sent in March and May. Commencement is Thursday, May 9; we will soon roll out a DACC app – recommendation was made that it also be in Spanish.

Decision/Action: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by D. Castillo; seconded by E. Garay; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

DACC Advisory Board