

DACC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Laura Salazar Flores

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Joaquin Legarreta

Richard Marquez

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Robert Wofford

Patrick Nolan

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Mónica Torres

Jesse Haas

Gerald Giraud

Mary Ulrich

Kelly Brooks

Michelle Guzman-Armijo

Ike Ledesma

Mark Nunley

Kristi Martin

Josie Carmona

Chris Odionu

Shannon Bradley

Jennifer Hodges

Call to Order:

Ms. Laura Salazar Flores, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:05 PM on Monday, March 4, 2024.

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 B. Wofford; seconded by P. Nolan; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve October 19, 2024, meeting minutes as presented made by P. Nolan; seconded by J. Legarreta; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM: Motion to approve new agenda item to appoint a Secretary for the Advisory Board made by M. Flores; seconded by J. Legarreta no discussion, all in favor; motion carries. M. Flores appointed R. Marquez as secretary for the DACC Advisory Board.

1. Operating Agreement – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: Briefly reviewed Article I definitions – Advisory Board: Single Board, Advisory Committee, Chancellor and Term; Article II: Advisory Board – outlines duties, sets meetings; Article III: Chancellor – establishes the authority of board to conduct search for Chancellor; Article IV: Regents Authority – establishes regents authority; Article V: Academic Matters – outlines academic programs community college will offer; Article VI: Financial Matters – funding sources, GO bonds, tuition and fees; Article VII: Term and Termination – establishes conditions for duration, review and termination of agreement; Article VIII: Facilities – College property is taken in the name of the NMSU Board of Regents; Article IX and X – additional stipulations for the agreement.

Decision/Action:

Motion to sign operating agreement as presented made by P. Wofford; seconded by J. Legarreta; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

2. General Update – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: Big and busy year for DACC; successful bond election; 50th Anniversary events; construction of new digital media building; many internal events in support of teaching, learning, and student support; reaffirmation of our accreditation status; results from the legislature – 3%, additional faculty compensation, wrap-around services, dual credit, non-credit workforce training, integrated Basic Education/Skills Training, GO Bond, Higher Education Trust Fund; reviewed and briefly presented the DACC Advisory Board Handbook.

Decision/Action: None

3. Strategic Priorities – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: Priorities: “Things that Matter”; Access, Support, Completion, Efficiency; added “Measure what Matters”; shared a spreadsheet with priorities and the parts of the college that provide services; starting to track information for these items; asking key questions about what the numbers mean; where is our money going; legislative metrics for funding; shared enrollment, retention, and graduation/transfer data; shared data on dual credit and non-credit training, as well as lottery and opportunity scholarship; provided information about the upcoming accreditation.

Decision/Action: None

4. Business Office Update – Ms. Kelly Brooks

Key Discussion Points: Shared FY25 Sources and Uses document; what are the changes and what are the expenditures. Revenues: first item is tuition and fee – adding 3% for new proposed funding; legislative funding – 1.2% increase; 3% compensation increase across the board; allocated special pot of money for faculty salaries; special allocation for student support – specifically for wrap around services; local, federal, sales and services, and other sources; total new revenue draft is 2.16 mil dollars. Expenditures: compensation, faculty special appropriation, promotion and tenure and fringe benefit increase, inflationary adjustments; we are not raising tuition and fees – shared our current tuition and fee information.

Decision/Action: None

5. Accreditation Update – Dr. Jennifer Hodges

Key Discussion Points: Overview – HLC would like to meet with a combination of our DACC Advisory Board and the NMSU Board of Regents; shared the many visits HLC makes to DACC throughout the years; reviewed the criterion for accreditation – mission, integrity, teaching and learning, institutional effectiveness, resources and planning; they will be visiting March 25-26; went over what items fall under the pre-visit, visit, and post visit; key themes – mission appropriate, students/communities we serve, programs we offer, how we use our resources; whenever and however – multiple locations, online vs. in person, dual credit/early childhood; not just collecting data, but using it; shared the criterion that mentions the Board – 2.A., 2.C., 5.A, 5.B., and 5.C. focusing on budgeting and planning (5.B.). Jennifer invited board members to our upcoming Plática.

Decision/Action: None

6. District Reports – Board Members

Key Discussion Points: Wofford – legislative goals approved and some set aside; moving ahead with community schools, some focus on dual credit – he would like to get more training on that.
Nolan – getting ready for budget season, first town hall in next Wednesday; success on capital outlay requests.
Leggareta – they have been talking about bonds and budget.
Marquez – he is relatively new to the HVPS board and is building a relationship with superintendent.
Flores – attended NMSBA to meet with state reps; season at Gadsden for teacher of the year – banquet will be May 3; thank you to DACC for sharing the information on social media of all the events coming up; elementaries – Vado and Loma Linda – are celebrating literacy event; also working on their budget; asking about students in middle school and high school who are struggling to read.

Decision/Action: None

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

Key Discussion Points: May 2 is next board meeting; Thursday, May 9 is commencement.

Decision/Action: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by Wofford seconded by Nolan; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Marguz
Secretary
DACC Advisory Board