

AC Hereford Campus Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

AC Hereford Campus Room 105

Minutes

Members Present:

Daniel Esquivel, Randy Farr, Major Diego Barela, Irene Favila, Karron Smith,

Mr. Randy Farr opened the meeting with the invocation

Previous meeting minutes were not approved due do no quorum.

Daniel Esquivel gave the executive directors report:

Summer enrollment is very high with over 100 students enrolled in academic classes.

We will be able to securely store the new mobile lab at Macksco Supply.

College night at the high school only had one student show up to due inclement weather that night.

Reminder for the Amarillo Area Foundation Board Governance Training that AC will pay for who would like to attend. Irene Favila stated she would like to attend.

Daniel will meet with Dr. Paul Matney and Terry Berg sometime in July to discuss financing options. Most likely money will come from revenue bonds.

Daniel would like to create a new agriculture certificate program based in Hereford. The U.S.D.A has stated farming has become more technical and science orientated. This could make the agriculture industry more interesting.

Dr. Matney's update focused on the 5% budget cuts for the next 3 years. Hereford campus will lose around \$15,000 per year.

New Issues/Strategic Planning:

Available property for new campus-Futures Committee

1. North HWY 385 (next to Hutto Clinic). City Manager Rick Hanna thought annexing would not be a problem. This property is \$228,000 for 75 acres.

2. 15th Street property is 4 million dollars for 40 acres. We will not pursue.
3. The property on South Kingwood Street is owned by the city and would be donated to AC. It is 118 acres and has playa lake on the northeast corner. It also has some buildings that could possibly be used for technical training and/or classes.

Other Business:

Daniel will send emails to board members asking to change monthly meetings to the second Thursday of each month to better accommodate Dr. Matney's schedule. The next meeting will be on July 8th at the Hereford campus in room 105.

Approach city regarding available property. Meetings are on June 21 and July 19.

Ask AC Foundation to consider giving scholarships to students for short semesters. At the present time they are only given for the long semesters.

Discussion:

Irene Favila shared that AC will be hosting Washington DC Federal visit of the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Energy on September 14 and 15. Invitations will be sent to many state dignitaries. AC is the only community college in the U.S. to have a Wind Energy program. The college will get national exposure.

Mr. Farr complimented the AC graduation ceremonies. He said they were comparable to a 4 year university ceremony.

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