

Amarillo College
Advisory Board Committee
Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

I. Call to order

Major Barela called to order the regular meeting of the Advisory Committee at 5:30 p.m. on February 7, 2017 at AC Hinkson Memorial Campus.

II. Roll call

Major Diego Barela conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Daniel Esquivel, Carolyn Waters, Sara Pesina, Susan Robbins, Mike Schueler, Major Diego Barela, and Mal Manchee.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Carolyn Waters made motion to accept the minutes and Mike Schueler second the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) One of our big enrollments for spring 2017 – 223 academic only for the first 8 weeks. We are waiting to see if that number increases once the second 8 weeks begin. We also include dual credit – 110 students.
- b) The last Board of Regents meeting – Regarding the tiers update, it was approved that AC will be participate in the tax-free zone. AC will benefit from the taxes.
- c) Our truck-driving academy will be changing from continuing Ed to academic status. By doing this, financial aid will pay for these courses. We will be capping the enrollment at 12 for truck driving. This opens up opportunities to people who will use the GI Bill. \$3690.00 is what the CDL class tuition is.
- d) Tuition will be increased for CDL and it is in discussion of what completion of course will be, such as a certification or an associate degree. All academic requirements will apply to CDL classes.
- e) CNA – Texas Workforce Commission has funds to assist GED and ESL students to get into the CNA program and provide tutoring to make them successful. This summer is when the new grant opportunity begins.

February 15, 2017 was the discussion for our policy that has been approved regarding the campus carry. All were invited. There will be gun free zones on campus. Here in Hereford, gun free zones will be when children are on campus.

V. New business

- a) Discussed Chairman and Vice Chairman with a one-year term. Maybe Vice Chairman can move up to Chairman after the one year. The number of years to serve on the committee was also discussed and a three-year term was mentioned.
- b) What was not discussed was how many should be on the committee. Nine was suggested and if three were absent, there would still be a forum. Who wants to be the first cohort to section off? We currently have nine and it has been working well.

Community Updates

- a) Strategic plan – We enjoy having the ability to talk about the success of our graduates and creating good employees to the employer. In addition, how the graduate has had a positive impact to the community. We are looking at some billboards to use as hall of fame boards for our graduates that have been successful.
- b) Hereford Leadership toured the electrical plant. HISD chef came in and prepared a snack table for them. They are spreading the word and trying to recruit more students and persons to join the program to increase their skills and be more perceptive of what being a part of the community entails.
- c) The attendance at HISD has been great throughout the year. The Superintendent has been doing great.
- d) BBBS – Bowl for kid's sake has 46 out of 70 teams that have registered.

VI. Adjournment

Major Barela adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Monica Flores

Minutes approved by: Daniel Esquivel