

# ***Advisory Committee Meeting***

## ***Minutes***

May 3, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Type of Meeting: Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Daniel M. Esquivel

Invitees: Daniel M. Esquivel, Michael Kitten, Major Diego Barela, Kelli Mouton, Kelli Boydston, Mike Schueler, Jerry Stevens, Josh Wood, Carolyn Waters, Mal Manchee, Sara Pesina, Susan Robbins.

### **I. Call to order**

Major Diego Barela @ 5:28 p.m.

### **II. Roll call**

Daniel Esquivel, Major Diego Barela, Michael Kitten, Sara Pesina, and Carolyn Waters, Jerry Stevens, Mike Schueler..

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Diego accepts and Sara Pesina seconds the motion

### **IV. Open issues**

- Status update. Summer classes began June 6, 2016. Forty students enrolled for summer classes. June 20, 2016 has five students enrolled for CDL classes. Advertising decals are in the works for our trucks.
- C N A program is having issues. TX Workforce Commission did not recognize our campus as a training site as well as Moore county. Petition has been forwarded to them for recognition. We cannot offer the classes without the recognition for the campus. We will try again for the Fall2016. First class students have all passed their exam and are working. One student is out of the country.
- June 13, 2016 will be the first day for our Kids Camp. Christiana Dawson is the instructor for Art Camp. Science, Ballroom Dance, Spanish courses are being offered.
- Michael Kitten – Regence meetings. \$6 million surplus, what happens with that number is that coming out of the spring semester that surplus is created Cultural changes being done to keep close to that number. Worrisome for Regence – budget for first time is originating in the Senate not the House. Application are up for the fall 2016. AC is at about 80 hours needed to graduate with an associate degree. How can we stop students from dropping out? Students involved in higher hours are funded. Some students do not know that they can

still apply for scholarships and for some reason believe they are not included in the scholarship application process. Steve Smith new CFO is looking at some Bonds and looking to refinance to save and earn us some money.

- Budget meeting last week. AC is looking at a \$58.3 million budget. No tuition or tax hike all will stay the same. State funded higher education must educate veterans. They are also stating they are about to pass that we educate their children. That could affect over \$1million for AC. Regents came up with AI Alteration and improvement and Hereford was left out and so Michael brought up that Hereford was not included so the budget will be redone because it was an oversight. Amarillo College has a TREC (technology replacement) additional fee. The number for AC is \$2.1 million. Here is a number of \$1.9 million for software fees leaving 2 to 3 hundred thousand for technology replacement. Authorization for technology replacement will be narrowed down to a small number. Hereford has separate budget for TREC.
- Budget update – idea we may have- we are on the right path – looking to pass a 3% raise for staff. Our salaries are the lowest among the college. Hereford campus has a \$1.1 million in reserve. AC owes the main campus \$2.25 million note no interest bearing. Payment is \$110,000 a year payback for 20 years. Should we increase the amount taking before the board or increasing the payment to get rid of the debt owed to the main campus?

Amarillo High had 29% senior graduates enrolled at AC. We need to find a way to increase the number from Hereford High. (15%)

## V. New business

- a) ACE Quest program – provides full ride scholarships. Freshman – maintain 2.5 GPA, no discipline issues and commit to AC, they get a full ride scholarship.
- b) Moore County is doing very well with their funds and high school has very few dropouts. We might begin pushing to get to where Moore county and Amarillo campus is at. They raise money for these scholarships. This began in 2003 and began to give out the scholarships in 2007.
- c) July – most boards do not meet. We will not be meeting in July. We will convene on Aug. 2, 2016.
- d) Helping with V F W golf tournament, t-ball sponsorships.
- e) Providing internships for college students in this area.
- f) Leadership – money is in the bank and they have an Executive Director. Nine month, one day a month. (Tuesday) Starting September ending in May. Caviness, Merrick, and another where we will need a bus.

## VI. Adjournment

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