

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT

September 10, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the Isensee Board Room, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, with the following present:

From the Board:

Ms. Carol Scott, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Mr. Ed Bennett, Ms. Susan Hutchinson, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mr. Hector Salinas, and Dr. Mary Sherwood.

From the College:

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Mr. Raul Garcia, Vice President and CFO; Ms. Lenora Keas, Vice President Workforce Development and Strategic Initiatives; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Dr. Rito Silva, Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Mary McQueen, Executive Director of Development; Ms. Delia Perez, Board Liaison, and other staff and faculty.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Scott called the meeting to order with a quorum present. She requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement.

RECOGNITIONS:

Faculty.....Dr. Elizabeth Lewis

- Dr. Bryan Stone, Professor of History, received the 2019 Aileen Creighton Award for Teaching Excellence
(Goal 1. Student Learning Success: Ensure Exceptional Opportunities for All Students)

Dr. Lewis introduced Dr. Bryan Stone, Professor of History, Social Sciences Department. Dr. Stone received the 2019 Aileen Creighton Award for Teaching Excellence after being nominated by his fellow faculty members, staff and students. The Aileen Creighton Award for Teaching Excellence is the highest honor presented by Del Mar College to its faculty. Dr. Stone is the 18th recipient of the award which Del Mar College first established in 2002.

Dr. Stone addressed the Board and stated that he feels very honored for this recognition and thanked Dr. Lewis and Del Mar College.

- Gail Dorn, Associate Professor of Paralegal Studies: Paralegal Program earned American Bar Association Approval
(Goal 1. Student Learning Success: Ensure Exceptional Opportunities for All Students)

Dr. Lewis stated that in August 2019, the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (“ABA”), acting on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Paralegals, granted approval to the Paralegal Program at Del Mar College for a period of seven years. Dr. Lewis stated that the Del Mar College Paralegal Program under the direction of Gail Dorn becomes the 12th college program in Texas to be ABA approved. Dr. Lewis introduced Gail Dorn, Associate Professor of Paralegal Studies.

Ms. Dorn stated that she wanted to thank the Del Mar College Paralegal Program students who provided the support and motivation over the last four years working towards the ABA approval. Ms. Dorn stated that she had four students that delayed their graduation so they could graduate from an ABA approved program.

- Suzette Weis, Instructor of Court Reporting; Dolores Gonzalez, Associate Professor of Court Reporting; and Robert Sadler, Instructor of Court Reporting: Incentive-Based Award Scholarships by U.S. Legal Support for the Court Reporting Program Students
(Goal 1. Student Learning Success: Ensure Exceptional Opportunities for All Students)

Dr. Lewis acknowledged the Court Reporting faculty’s commitment to student success in the court reporting program. Dr. Lewis stated that US Legal Support is a national litigation support company with over 1,000 employees, 5,000 independent court reporters and are in more than 85 locations around the country. Last month, Suzette Weis, Del Mar College’s Instructor in Court Reporting, together with US Legal Support, announced their first incentive-based award for students in the Court Reporting program. The scholarship is \$1,000 for each fall and spring semester for one student who is passing all classes, has good attendance, and can produce a minimum of 160 words per minute on the stenograph machine. Dr. Lewis provided additional details of scholarships and commitments to Court Reporting from other entities.

Students and Staff:

- Del Mar College’s Chapter of the National Society and Leadership Success has made the Founder’s List of 2019 and recognized for its outstanding efforts in the area of chapter best practices.....Dr. Rito Silva
(Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services)

Dr. Rito Silva stated that National Society and Leadership Success is the nation’s largest Honor Society. Students are selected by their college membership based on their academic standing or leadership potential with 600 plus chapters, the Society currently has over 1,000,000 members. The Society provides a step-by-step program for members to build their leadership skills through participation at their campus. The Del Mar College Chapter has had

1,934 students inducted since 2011. Currently there are 896 active students. Del Mar College's Chapter has appeared in the Society's National Advertisement as a Chapter of Best Practice and also the Del Mar College Chapter made the Founder's List in 2019 – recognized as a Chapter for its outstanding efforts in the area of Chapter Best Practices. Dr. Silva introduced the Del Mar College Chapter Advisor Ms. Beverly Cage and stated she received the Leadership Development Award in 2019 for providing valuable insights and inspiration to the National Society of Leadership & Success National Advisory Board.

Ms. Cage thanked the Board on behalf of the National Society of Leadership & Success.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.....Dr. Mark Escamilla

- August 16, 2019: Summer Graduation Update
(Goal 1. Student Learning Success: Ensure Exceptional Opportunities for All Students)

Dr. Escamilla reported that Summer Graduation was held at the Selena Auditorium facility for the first time. There were several hundred graduates with a packed house. A recent Del Mar College graduate was the keynote speaker and he provided a lively expression of his experience and did a great job.

- August 19, 2019: Convocation Update
(Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services)

Dr. Escamilla states that it was a great experience to kick off the College's academic year and prepare, coordinate and communicate as much as possible while registering students for the fall semester. It was a great start to the semester.

- August 22, 2019: General Land Commissioner Bush West Campus Tour
(Goal 6. Partnerships: Expand Opportunities for Mutually-Beneficial Alliances)

Dr. Escamilla reported that Del Mar College was honored to have hosted Texas General Land Office Commissioner George P. Bush at the West Campus. Commissioner Bush reviewed the operations at the West Campus, specifically the College's Workforce Development programs. Also, because the Texas General Land Office manages the Hurricane Harvey funds and Rebuild Texas Grant, Commissioner Bush toured the College's operation in the carpentry class.

- August 30, 2019: Senator Cornyn Visit
(Goal 6. Partnerships: Expand Opportunities for Mutually-Beneficial Alliances)

Dr. Escamilla reported that we had another momentous visit at Del Mar College, US Senator John Cornyn came to specifically focus on the Rebuild Texas Grant and its efforts with the carpentry classes. Senator Cornyn has deep roots in Corpus Christi – his father, John Cornyn, II attended Del Mar College.

Chair Scott stated that Jay Knioun and his team put together a great visit for the Senator. The visit was a very short visit – he was only on the ground for 45 minutes. Senator Cornyn had the opportunity to do some hands-on work and visited directly with students. He also heard directly from carpentry students ranging from a young man in his 20s to a woman who wanted to do some rebuilding work on her own home.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Status Report on Requested Information

(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT MOTIONS:

(At this point the Board will vote on all motions not removed for individual consideration.)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:
Budget Meeting, July 30, 2019
Called Meeting, August 5, 2019
Regular Board Meeting, August 13, 2019
Called Meeting, August 19, 2019
Called Meeting, August 22, 2019
(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)
2. Acceptance of Investments for August 2019
(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)
3. Acceptance of Financials for August 2019
(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)

Regent Rivas made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. Dr. Sherwood seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0, amongst Regents present, with Regents Scott, Adame, Bennett, Hutchinson, Rivas, Salinas, and Sherwood in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Discussion and possible action related to possible adoption of 2019 – 2024 Strategic Plan: *Aspire. Engage. Achieve*.....Dr. Elizabeth Lewis
(Goal 3. Professional Initiatives: Provide Innovative, Relevant, and Meaningful Opportunities)

Dr. Escamilla stated that many meetings have occurred to plan the next five years for Del Mar College and thanked all for their time, energy, and efforts to develop this goal from their vision which included participation by the Board of Regents. Dr. Escamilla further stated that the most important part of a plan, is not the document, itself, but the time spent together executing the Strategic Plan – what occurs between 2019 and 2024. Dr. Wilson was unable to be present at today’s Board Meeting but he thanked her for her efforts to help facilitate Del Mar College’s Strategic Plan and introduced Dr. Lewis to begin the presentation.

Dr. Lewis began the presentation by reiterating that the process is much like reaffirmation that makes the College look at what they are doing well, what can be improved, and what the goals are to move forward and make things better for their students. Del Mar College runs on a five-year strategic planning cycle. She further stated that over the past year, the Strategic Planning Committee has worked to develop the five-year Strategic Plan for 2019-2024 and used the Society of College & University Planning (SCUP) planning model. As a reminder, stakeholder engagement included faculty and staff focus groups and online surveys; student focus groups; Board of Regents retreats; and community members online surveys which included K-12, healthcare and private industry members.

The Strategic Plan was developed by the stakeholders to address and look at the College’s Strategic Issues. The new Plan is tied to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and focus on what is being done and what needs to be done. The Committee selected “Aspire. Engage. Achieve.” because it reflects the student experience that the College strives to provide.

The Committee has identified six goals which have several KPIs and multiple objectives as follows:

- Goal One: Completion
- Goal Two: Recruitment and Persistence
- Goal Three: Academic Preparedness and Student Learning
- Goal Four: Learning Environments
- Goal Five: Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy
- Goal Six: Financial Effectiveness and Affordability

The Operational Strategic Plan is still in development. There will be smaller groups to decide how we are going to accomplish these goals and objectives. Strategies will be developed through this fall and the Operational Strategic Plan should be completed by next

year. The refinement and adjustment of the Strategic Plan will be ongoing over the next five years as it is a living document to be refined and adjusted as needed.

Dr. Escamilla and Dr. Lewis answered questions from the Regents.

Regent Sherwood made a motion to adopt the 2019-2024 “Strategic Plan: Aspire. Engage. Achieve.” as presented and to authorize the modification of all Board policies therein. Regent Rivas seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0, amongst Regents present with Regents Scott, Adame, Bennett, Hutchinson, Rivas, Salinas, and Sherwood in favor.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items) – 3-minute time limit

Jack Gordy: General public comment regarding a request for public information and payments to out-of-town attorneys.

General Counsel, Augustin Rivera, Jr. responded and again offered to set-up a meeting with Mr. Gordy to go over any of his specific questions.

At 1:46 p.m., the Chair announced that the Board was going into Closed Session pursuant to:

5. CLOSED SESSION:

- A. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071:** (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer with possible discussion and action in open session, and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel on pending or contemplated legal matters or claims, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 2:25 p.m. with no action taken.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2.27 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr