



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
WORKING LUNCH WITH DACC ADVISORY BOARD
NOTICE AND MINUTES
September 16, 2021 at 12:00pm**

Doña Ana Room, Corbett Center Student Union,
NMSU Las Cruces Campus, 1600 International Mall,
Las Cruces, New Mexico

MINUTES

Regents of New Mexico State University

Chair Ammu Devasthali, Vice Chair Dina Chacón-Reitzel, Secretary/Treasurer Arsenio Romero, Christopher Saucedo, Neal Bitsie

DACC Advisory Board – President Elva Garay, Vice President Laura Salazar Flores, Secretary Ray Jaramillo, Daniel Castillo, Maria Flores, Lupe Castillo

NMSU/DACC Officials – Chancellor Dan E. Arvizu, President Mónica Torres

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A. Introductions (10 minutes), Chair Ammu Devasthali

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM. The Board of Regents met with the DACC Advisory Board. No votes or other official actions were taken by the NMSU Board of Regents.

B. Discussion Items, NMSU Regents and DACC Advisory Board

1. Operating Agreement between Board of Regents of NMSU and DACC Advisory Board

President Torres presented the operating agreement between the Board of Regents of NMSU and the DACC Advisory Board for the Board's consideration to be renewed. The operating agreement is updated every two years. Due to COVID, it was delayed one year. The operating agreement will be taken to the University General Counsel Office, then from there President Torres will take it to the DACC Advisory Board for adoption. Afterwards, it will be presented to Board of Regents of NMSU for consideration of approval.

2. Developmental Courses

The NMSU Regents and the DACC Advisory Board robustly discussed the trend of students taking remedial courses, the COVID impact, as well as the impact between the 3-course math requirement and continuing math courses at community colleges or universities. Statistically, 86% of students who enroll at DACC are right out of high school. Students testing and readiness in different academic areas right out of high school versus being out of high school for 1-5 years was discussed. Students who have been out of high school for 1-5 years, then return as a college student are further behind in math than other academic areas because math isn't used commonly in the workplace as reading and writing skills are. Regent Romero raised the concern that high schools only require 3 math courses, which means that high school seniors typically do not take a math

course. This impacts students' math skills going forward in college. This prompts an interception between public education and higher education for development. The effect that the pandemic has had on students was discussed. The challenges for adult learners going back to school were also discussed.

3. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Providing wrap around services, including one to one information on resources, assistance to students and families to fill out the FAFSA was discussed. The requirement of providing parental tax information when students no longer has contact with their parents or when students are older were discussed. The challenges students and their families face were discussed. Assisting undocumented students with the application process, FAFSA, and providing information that they can attend the university were also discussed. It would be beneficial for students to meet with an advisor to fill out the FAFSA in real time.

C. Adjournment, Chair Ammu Devasthali
Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Meeting Minutes Approved on February 7, 2022 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.



Ammu Devasthali
Board of Regents Chair



Arsenio Romero
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer