

**Metropolitan Education Commission
Executive Board Meeting
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.
Thursday, January 8, 2015, 7:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

Attendance: Members present: Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Bill Ardern, George Favela.

Members absent: Pat Wiedhopf, Paul Lovelis, Dr. Louis Albert

Non-members present: Felicia Ramirez, Edward Nossem.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all attendees.

4.0 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2014 MEETING MINUTES – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Motion to approve: George Favela

Second: Bill Ardern

Motion approved unanimously.

5.0 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2015 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion: George Favela

Second: Bill Ardern

Motion carried unanimously.

6.0 MEC FUNDRAISING – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

We are still awaiting word on \$30,000 from Pima County. Dr. Webb-Vignery responded to questions about the funding that were posed by Pima County Deputy Administrator Hank Atha over the Christmas holidays. An argument for the funding is that we need to bring the district school superintendents back together on college access. We are also trying to procure funds to bring the College Advising Corps to Arizona AND we will be applying for a grant which requires County leverage in the amount of \$112,500. Dr. Urquidez stated that the budget needed for the Collage Advising Corps would be about \$200,000 all-inclusive (including training, travel, etc.); \$75,000 would be covered by the U of A; \$100,000 would be needed for the advisors. Dr. Urquidez also stated that Kresge Foundation is not happening. Dr. Webb-Vignery will be having a phone conference today with the Helios Foundation regarding RCAC funding.

7.0 MEC LOBBY DAY – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

The MEC Student Lobby Day has been set for Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Training of the YAC/TTC students will take place on January 7, 2015 at their Bimonthly

meeting; Senators Steve Farley and David Bradley will be attending, along with MEC Commissioner Ann Eve Pedersen and Jen Darland from the Arizona Education Network. We have been furnished a sample itinerary from Senator Farley's office. Ed will be contacting the schools that attended the Teen Town Hall for additional student attendees. Students will have their parent/guardian and school principal sign permission forms for the students to attend the event. We have received one check for \$100.00 for the bus; more will be forthcoming. There was discussion on YAC/TTC fundraising for t-shirts, and possible political ramifications. Paul Lovelis will talk to Senators Farley & Bradley regarding the current "political climate" and strategy. Handouts can include the resolution establishing the YAC/TTC. We will work to attract media attention; if Non Profit News Source decides to get involved with video, the finished product can be presented at the 2015 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The Arizona College Access Network (AzCAN) visited the MEC office on Friday, December 5th for an open house and Steering Committee meeting; about 25 members from Southern Arizona, Phoenix and Flagstaff attended. MEC Commissioner Dr. Alan Storm gave a presentation on the merits of attending college versus entering into a trade.

Dr. Webb-Vignery will attend the Sunnyside School District Strategic Planning meeting that will plot the next 5 years at Sunnyside. Dr. Webb-Vignery has also been invited to participate in the Tucson-Pima County Cradle-To-Career STRIVE initiative of United Way at the Doubletree Hotel. She will also appear in a video prepared by Arizona Public Media

8.2 Budget - Bill Ardern

The MEC's cash reserves are intact; we must focus on funding for the next fiscal year. We will be requesting funding from the Helios Education Foundation for the RCAC, but the Helios funding is diminishing.

8.3 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The 25th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, May 8th, 2015 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel. We have 10 tables at present:

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8.4 Issues – Pat Wiedhopf

No report.

8.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez (not present)

Pima County is asking for RCAC statistics for the \$30,000 funding, such as tracking matriculation rates from the high schools that have Student Ambassadors into college. Dr. Urquidez will provide general statistics for the U of A.

8.6 Appointments – Paul Lovelis

Ann Eve Pedersen has resigned, and recommended Jen Darland as her replacement, who has accepted. We still have two TREO vacancies. We will be

contacting the Catholic Diocese of Tucson Superintendent Sheri Dahl regarding the Pima County appointment representing the Religious Community.

8.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis

State Senators Steve Farley and David Bradley (along with Jen Darland) conducted a training of YAC/TTC members for the Student Lobby Day at the January 7th meeting. Besides the Student Lobby Day, the YAC/TTC is once again partnering with the LULAC YLC & Career Fair, which will take place on Friday, March 27, 2015 at PCC West Campus, and its other regular activities. LULAC YLC Chair Javier Herrera and Rene Pacheco attended the last YAC/TTC meeting to solicit ideas for YLC Workshops.

8.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem

The 2015 Key to Employment Symposium will take place on Wednesday, February 11th at the UA Student Union, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 2014 K2E Coordinator Johanna Duffek has signed a contract and planning is underway; the first K2E Committee meeting will took place on Friday, November 7th. We have 14 schools registered and many more committed. We will be able to provide transportation to the event for some of the schools thanks to donations received from the Pima County Attorney’s office and Cox Communications; we are awaiting word from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation for an additional donation. Other sponsors and exhibitors are being solicited.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Motion to Adjourn: George Favela

Second: Bill Ardern

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.