

**Metropolitan Education Commission  
Executive Board Meeting  
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.  
WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2015, 6:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Members present: Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Bill Ardern, Pat Wiedhopf, Paul Lovelis, Dr. Louis Albert  
Members absent: George Favela  
Non-members present: Felicia Ramirez, David Rodriguez, Edward Nossem.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 FEBRUARY 5, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ**

Motion to approve: Dr. Louis Albert  
Second: Bill Ardern  
Motion approved unanimously.

**5.0 APPROVAL OF MARCH 18, 2015 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion: Paul Lovelis  
Second: Pat Wiedhopf  
Motion carried unanimously.

**6.0 MEC FUNDRAISING – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY**

Dr. Webb-Vignery, David Rodriguez, and Felicia Ramirez went before the Pima County Outside Agency Committee on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and presented on Regional College Access Center. The Committee asked questions regarding the outputs and outcomes of the RCAC, and specifically about Outcome #3 regarding the Student Ambassadors. The Committee voted to give us the first installment of funding to complete 2014-2015 funding. We must now go back and present to the Board of Supervisors to vote on approval. The second installment is necessary for us to secure Helios funding. Dr. Albert suggested securing a permanent endowment for the RCAC. since it provides a significant service to the community. Dr. Urquidez said the UA Foundation has contacted her regarding the collaboration between the UA and MEC, which was also written into the Bank of America grant.

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will award the MEC \$2,000 for a Student Ambassador, and Dr. Webb-Vignery and David Rodriguez will attend the Hispanic Chamber Luncheon on Thursday, March 19, 2015 to accept the check.

## **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 took place on January 7, 2015 at their Bimonthly meeting; Senators Steve Farley and David Bradley, and Jen Darland from the Arizona Education Network presented on the lobbying process and protocols. Senator Farley’s office has secured a room for our “base of operations” and we have arranged meetings with the Senate Chair of the Education Committee, Senate Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, House Vice-Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and a House Member of the Health & Human Services Committee. Members of the Southern Arizona delegation will also stop by the base room to meet with the students. Media Source America (Nancy Montoya & Kirt Ijams) will video the day’s activities.

## **8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery**

No Report.

### **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 extension from the Helios Education Foundation for the RCAC.

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

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel. We have 15 tables at present. Mary Veres at Sunnyside USD Multimedia has agreed to print the event programs and provide 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banners, as well as print donation envelopes for Student Ambassadors that will be placed on the tables at the event. We will secure testimonials from former donors.

### **8.4 Issues – Pat Wiedhopf**

No report.

### **8.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez**

David has provided statistics for the \$30,000 funding, such as tracking matriculation rates from the high schools that have Student Ambassadors into college. Dr. Urquidez has provided general statistics for the U of A.

### **8.6 Appointments – Paul Lovelis**

Jo Ann Sayre, representing Accredited Private Institutions has resigned.

### **8.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis**

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. A YAC/TTC Committee will also be choosing the Crystal Apple Counselor and Youth Honorees.

### **8.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem**

The 2015 Key to Employment Symposium will took place on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the UA Student Union, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 467 students and 56 chaperones attended the event; workshops included a UA College of Engineering presentation, UA/Pima Community College Transfer Program presentation, and 2 RCAC presentations. Student evaluations have been given to

Janet Major at UA Telemedicine, who will assign a group to create an evaluation spreadsheet.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ**

Motion to Adjourn: Paul Lovelis

Second: Dr. Louis Albert

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.