

**Metropolitan Education Commission**  
**Regional College Access Center**  
**Advisory Group Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 17, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library, Lower Level Meeting Room, 101 N. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ

**Attendees:** Dr. June Webb-Vignery, David Rodriguez, Michelle Simon, Heather Rosinbum, Shawn Graham, Cristina Capriato, Graciela Beltran, Darlene Whitmore, Rafael Meza, Gabriela Saenz, Kelly Cobos, Ruben Reyes.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR.JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL – DAVID RODRIGUEZ

The Roll Call was conducted; a Quorum was present.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DAVID RODRIGUEZ

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

4.0 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS – DAVID RODRIGUEZ

RCAC Coordinator David Rodriguez welcomed everyone to the meeting and began introductions of attendees. David outlined the MEC and RCAC's function and mission.

5.0 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 RCAC MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve: Kelly Cobos

Second: Christina Capriato

Motion approved unanimously.

6.0 RCAC UPDATES – DAVID RODRIGUEZ

David Rodriguez introduced Graciela Beltran, the new AmeriCorps volunteer working directly for the MEC's RCAC. She is a Desert View High School grad, a former RCAC Student Ambassador, and currently a freshman at the U of A.

7.0 PROVIDER ANNOUNCEMENTS – DAVID RODRIGUEZ

The following are short synopses of the Provider Announcements:

Christina Capriato: Discussed AZ Earn To Learn – focus on getting last of recruitment cycle finished

Kelly Cobos – Desert View – December 3<sup>rd</sup> 90 people attended Financial Aid Night; UA Scholarship/ 20 showed up, frustrated to get parents to attend; January 16<sup>th</sup> FAFSA Drive; college rep's visits continue; YES Celebration November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nogales, P.V., Rio Rico – U/A comes in; changes in FAFSA IRS discussed – regarding financial aid

Dr. Bob Breault: Bog Brothers/Big Sisters – connected to RCAC; Yale Interview Comm. Scholarships

Graciela Beltran – Student Ambassador now is an AmeriCorps representative at the MEC

Michelle Simon – PCPL – Resources to help students to get into college – ACT / SAT online tutors upgrading technology on Bookmobile – Tohono O’odham funding; Main Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor space – Teens captive audience – want to bring college idea at the library; UA Day

Shawn Graham – PCC Data sharing now with school districts; pushing test prep; scheduling Spring event at the high schools; Foundation ambassadors available – educate people on what is offered; Spring scholarships available; scholarship for students of Mexican descent

Rafael Meza – Piloted recruiters for transfer students at Pima – can sign up for transfer to the U of A; U/A team members at Downtown & West campuses; UA closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>

Heather Rosenbum – UA Admissions – I’m First Organization helps students to transition, have students register for special contact; Raise Me Organization – offering micro scholarships – Sunnyside School District; Close – college application campaign; financial aid presentation available; Student Recruiters made more than 70 visits; Native American Drive-In visits for counselors; Scholarship – Blue Chip Leadership Program, just for Arizona students; veterans coordinate through veterans program

College Advising Corps – Amphi, Cholla, Rincon, Flowing Wells, Sunnyside

Gabriela Saenz – Palo Verde High School; Mid-year reports due; need more parents attending Financial Aid Night; Glad to have data sharing with PCC; ASU backed upon admission advisors; Student Ambassadors really huge help

Ruben Romero – Pueblo – David training well received – Earn To Learn also at Pueblo; Presentation – YES Event – 200 parents, 56 students awarded; Tri-University event over 100 students attended; 7 students Ivy League tour in the Spring

STEP Alaskan Leadership Tour – this Spring, 56-U of A, 4-ASU, 30- NAU

Darlene Whitman – Pima Partnership High School – Dynamics of school are changing, many are parents- eleven graduating this Friday; Students are testing the waters at PCC – if students enrolled for one year at Pima Prevention H.S. – pick up tuition; Partners with First Things First.

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Christina Capriato

Second: Graciela Beltran

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.