

**DACC GOVERNANCE FORUM**  
**Wednesday, February 6, 2019**  
**3:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Vermilion Hall, Room 306**

**Welcome**

Ryan Wyckoff welcomed everyone to the forum.  
(Shanay not at forum due to a family funeral)

The HLC Video of Additional DACC Sites was shown to everyone at the Forum. The video was created by Laura Hensgen. The video featured a virtual tour of the six DACC Off Campus Sites which included the Hoopston Higher Learning Center, Tractor Trailer site, Danville Department of Corrections, Community Education located at the Danville Village Mall, the American Job Center and the Danville Housing Authority City of Danville. The HLC team will view this video instead of actually touring these sites.

Dr. Nacco reported that we are starting to get feedback from HLC. The Assurance Argument is locked in and feedback from students and community is positive.

**Discussion/Information or Action Items**

**1. Outdoor Commencement (Action Item)**

Dr. Nacco informed the Forum that partial state funding will be used to install an HVAC system at the gym. Mike Cunningham is working with the Capitol Development Board but the process will take several months. The project is expected to be completed by Spring of 2020.

Since this will likely be the last year that there will not be air conditioning in the gym for the commencement ceremony, a proposal is being submitted to see if the Forum wants to have a committee investigate the possibility of holding commencement outside for this one year only. The Forum is not voting whether to hold commencement outdoors but to see if there is interest in a committee investigating the possibility.

Stacy Ehmen reported that the Commencement Committee has already investigated this topic and the committee was not in favor. She distributed a handout on the list of concerns for an outdoor commencement. The committee did feel it would be beautiful outside but the cost and double-set up, etc. were the concerns. Her estimated costs are very low. Comments from the committee is on the list of concerns. Maintenance also provided additional input as well as those who are involved in the set-up. It was a group effort on input on this topic.

There was some discussion on the makeup of the Commencement Committee and it was pointed out that this is a working-team. Everyone that is on the committee has work to do for and at Commencement.

Ryan asked the Forum to vote: A Yes vote would mean this would go back to the Committee to look at further and a No vote would mean commencement would be held in the gym.

By a raise of hands, the Forum voted to follow the Commencement Committee recommendation to hold commencement inside in the gym as normal.

## **2. Honorary Degree**

Dave Kietzmann explained that we have only given a few honorary degrees in the history of the College. Most are someone who has been really valuable to the College either through being a benefactors to the College or advocate for the College. Honorary Degrees were presented the last two years to Julius W. Hegeler II, Vickie Miller and Lou Mervis. Seven other honorees were recognized in the 60's and 70's.

Stacy Ehmen announced that the submission form is on the employee web page. Nominations are due Friday, February 15. Nominating someone does not guarantee that the person will receive an honorary degree. The Committee will get together to review nominations. It was also mentioned that we do not have to have an honorary degree recipient each year.

A couple of names of possible honorary degree participants for this year's commencement were mentioned at the Forum. Ryan Wyckoff reminded everyone that faculty, staff, students, and the community are invited to submit nominations between now and Feb. 15.

## **3. Welcome Back Cookout**

Ryan Wyckoff said the some people at the Forum may remember the Welcome Back Cookout and others might not even know what this event is. It is on the agenda to see if we should put together a team to see if employees want to bring back the event.

Dave explained the history of the Welcome Back Cookout. Asking for a vote if there is interest in forming a committee to look at the possibility of surveying employees to get feedback from the whole campus or planning a cookout.

It was discussed about the possibility of having the Campus Community Team look into the Cookout but they already have so many events and fundraisers, particularly the DACC Holiday Party. There was discussion regarding the possibility of a new committee being created.

By a show of hands, the Forum voted yes to form a committee to look into a Welcome Back Cookout. We already have a few volunteers for the committee. Anyone else interested in joining should contact Chris Cornell to volunteer.

## **4. Leave Share Program**

Jill Cranmore reported that a draft of the Leave Share Program is in process. The Committee meets again at the end of February. The goal is to have the program in place by the end of June of 2019

## **5. Computer System Support Committee**

Tammy Betancourt talked about an ad-hoc committee that her and Mark Barnes will be leading. They're inviting all interested faculty and staff to join them in examining how well we're doing to support employees with Colleague and with general computer services. Email Mark or Tammy if you are interested in joining this Committee.

## **6. Strategic Planning**

Bob Mattson started the process of soliciting employee ideas for the next Strategic Planning Matrix. This will guide DACC operations during the 2019-20 academic year.

## **CQI Teams Update**

### **Diversity Team**

Dawn Nasser reported on the Diversity Team events. They recently held a Welcome Back event and the nacho bar was a hit. The first Black History Month event was today and there are two more events scheduled for the next two Wednesdays.

## **AtD Teams Update**

### **Data Team**

Bob Matteson reported that the team is still working on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

### **Equity and Inclusion Team**

Candace McNeal reported that at the January Equity and Inclusion team meeting they reviewed the progress of their first group of M-SWIFT students and their approach since they began working with these students in October 2018. They will be looking at how to target some of the wraparound services including financial aid. TRIO services will also work with the group. Next Fall the team plans to engage with the students earlier on to help them with services that are available.

### **Student Experience Team**

Stacy Ehmen reported that the Student Experience Team has identified around 20 action items to bring to the Student Employment processes. It was decided that more could be accomplished by breaking into three sub-teams. The three sub-teams will report back to the SET team.

## **HLC Update**

Maggie Hoover reported that there are over 33,000 words in the evidence for the HLC visit. 25 days until our HLC visit.

Dr. Nacco commented on what a good collaborative effort by Dr. Penny McConnell and Maggie Hoover on the HLC documents and they read like a dream. The compliance piece, written by Stacy Ehmen, shows how great DACC is and lays out all of the comprehensive college. The two documents together are very interesting. Thank you to everyone for their years of work on this process.

## **Announcements**

Ryan Wyckoff reported for Shanay Wright in her absence that Melanie Green, Angie Springer and Dr. Jonathan Wade will attend this year's AtD Dream conference. The conference will take place February 19-22 in Long Beach, CA. This is the 15th anniversary year for AtD and the conference will be an even bigger celebration this year with wonderful guest speakers such as Wes Moore, CEO of Robin Hood, one of the nation's largest anti-poverty forces, and founder and former CEO of BridgeEdU, an innovative technology platform addressing the college completion and job placement crisis and Dr. Jamal Watson, Executive Editor of the publication Diverse: Issues in Higher Education.

There were not any other announcements from the floor.

The upcoming meetings dates are listed below.

Mark Barnes made a motion to close the Forum and Dr. Stefanie Davis seconded the motion.

Anyone interested in being on the Fall Picnic committee let Chris Cornell know.

## **Dates of Upcoming Forums**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

Shanay Wright and Ryan Wyckoff, Co-Facilitators  
Chris Cornell, Recording Secretary