

9.25.2020 DSC Business Meeting

9am-12pm

- Call to Order
- Role Call
 - Antonia
 - Riley
 - Yuli
 - Valentina
 - Tom
 - Madeline
 - Laurie
 - Joan
 - Grace
 - Gloria
 - Emily W.
 - Emily M.
 - Brea
- Approval of Minutes
 - No previous minutes to approve
- Approval of the Agenda - **Passed**
- New Business
 - Big Give Day!
 - Christina Kline and Elia Unverzagt
 - Looking to raise \$100k for scholarships, food insecurity, and other resources
 - First \$50k will be matched by generous donor
 - Running online at: <https://www.pcc.edu/foundation/events/biggiveday/>
 - Doing a lot of personal outreach to donors and broader outreach via social media
 - Need help spreading the word about Big Give Day
 - Online social media toolkit:
<https://www.pcc.edu/foundation/events/biggiveday/big-give-day-social-media-toolkit/>
 - Email Elia if students would like to record personal stories to be sent to donors: elia.unverzagt@pcc.edu

- Last year, had >6,000 donors.
 - Biggest source of supporters are current and former employees- 800 gave last year
 - \$2.2 million going to scholarships this year
 - \$750,000 of reserve funds designated to direct student aid this year
 - About half of reserve funds
 - Raised an additional >\$300,000
 - Will continue to distribute funds through the end of the year
 - Donors generally designate where they want their money to go
 - Need help spreading the word to students about Foundation scholarship funds
 - **Application opens December 1st**
 - **Application closes March 1st**
- SLL [Parent/Guardian Grant](#)
- Recommendations to DSC:
 - Include ABE/GED students
 - Remove age restriction
 - Questions:
 - Is there a plan to go back to campus allocations when we go back in person?
 - No.
 - Is there an oversight process for assuring that the distributions will be equitably distributed by campus?
 - Programs are assessed at end of year.
 - Why aren't we including questions about need?
 - Risks retraumatization, don't want to make people PROVE they need it
 - Why is it 5 years of age? Recommend changing the requirement.
 - Children under the age of 5 require more care and are more expensive. Requirement can be changed, but could affect how many applications we receive. Currently, we're not able to fill the need.
 - Can we remove the age and put the cutoff higher?
 - One thing to consider is that we aren't serving everyone that needs it. Opening it up further would exacerbate this.
 - Are there funds available to increase this program?
 - Could be one-time money available in the form of \$1,000,000 reinvestment from college.
 - Question about transparency of requirements
 - Language was softened to encourage students to apply. Requirements still listed on application.
 - Question about steps depending on number of children

- Initially discussed last year, but pro staff ultimately decided on a flat rate
 - Can we focus on first year students?
 - It's absolutely something that we can do if student leaders want us to.
- Old Business
 - District Programmers Proposal & Update- **Rescheduled for October 2nd**
 - [\\$1,000,000 General Fund Investment](#)
 - Discussion started last year, result of a number of conversations between DSC and PCC Administration
 - Approval pending per PCC Administration. Should be determined 9/29.
 - Administration wants to get this cohort's input
 - Current asks- \$200,000 each
 - Direct Student Aid: Additional Resources Food Insecurity
 - Direct Student Aid: Community Focused Emergency Grants
 - Direct Student Aid: Additional Childcare Grants
 - Direct Student Aid: Hotel Vouchers
 - Technology Assistance
 - Proposed additional asks
 - Textbook grants
 - Legal Services
 - Food Insecurity
 - Currently offering \$100,000 in grocery gift cards
 - Need \$400,000 to fully serve pre-covid need
 - Emergency Grants
 - Current fund allocation not nearly enough to meet need
 - Questions/Comments
 - Question about the language around Hotel Vouchers ("Program"). Implementation of long-term solutions?
 - QRC and WRC pushed as a priority. Program needs to be developed, not intended to address long-term housing insecurity. Would provide opportunity for student to "breathe".
 - Would we be able to reallocate later?
 - Should be possible to make a mid-year correction. Would be a good idea to propose to administration the option to reallocate later. May be a good idea to consolidate even further because of dramatic need in some areas. Tech allocation recommended at ~\$100,000 from SE DOS.
 - Some resources already done by other organizations. Could be a better use to put funds into Emergency Funds instead of Hotel Vouchers. Do we have historical data about Hotel Vouchers?

- Laptops offered by school don't meet all tech needs for students. Some students have very specific hardware/software requirements. This needs to be taken into consideration when funding tech needs.
 - How can we facilitate students returning a laptop they don't need? Would they be able to return it to receive a voucher for tech that better suits their needs?
 - College is very cautious, returning laptops to college itself is a long process (quarantining equipment, "wiping" equipment, etc.).Laptops are purchased in bulk by the college so vouchers may not be feasible.

■ Reinvestment Campus Caucus

- SY
 - 400,000 for Egrants
 - 200k taken from Hotel Vouchers
 - 400,000 for Childcare
 - 200k taken from Tech
 - 200,000 for Food Insecurity
- RC
 - Don't change anything
- CA
 - 300,000 for Egrants
 - 300,000 for Childcare
 - 300,000 for Food Insecurity
 - 100,000 for Technology
- SE
 - 250,000 for Egrants
 - 250,000 for Childcare
 - 250,000 for Food Insecurity
 - 250,000 for Hotel Vouchers
- Questions
 - Would technology purchases be eligible for Emergency Grants?
 - Yes.
 - Would hotel vouchers be eligible for Emergency Grants?
 - Yes, eligibility requirements will be addressed later in the meeting.
- FY21 Adjusted Budget: Emergency Grants & Budget Updates.
 - Proposal to reduce Emergency Grant eligibility requirements

- Open to ABE/GED students
- Reduce requirements for documentation
- Directors are currently looking at allocated budgets and the savings from remote operations.
 - Significant cost savings from:
 - Travel costs
 - Reduced staff
 - Food purchases
 - Events
 - Proposal to redistribute funds to Emergency Grants, Parent/Guardian Scholarship, and Food Insecurity
 - Rough estimate of redistributable funds: \$500,000

■ **Reinvestment Campus Caucus (Cont.)**

- SE
 - Take money from Vouchers and put towards Egrants
 - On the condition that Egrant requirements are loosened
 - Take money from Technology and put towards the other initiatives
 - Distribute evenly
- CA
 - Redistribute funds to first 3
 - Egrants
 - Childcare
 - Food Insecurity
 - Propose putting some of savings into contingency fund
- RC
 - Take some money out of Tech and Hotel Vouchers
 - Put into Emergency Grants
 - Total amount: \$400,000-\$500,000
 - Propose staggered rollout of funds each term to Emergency Grants
- SY
 - Take money out of Tech and Hotel Vouchers
 - Put into Emergency Grants and Food Insecurity
 - \$400,000 each
 - Emergency Grants are much more flexible.
 - Tech and Hotel Vouchers already have programs
 - How are we helping students who are not in this region/country?

- **Reinvestment Proposals- Final decision tabled for 10/2/2020**

- **Tom**

- **\$400,000 Emergency Grants**
 - **Loosen requirements**
- **\$400,000 Food Insecurity**
- **\$200,000 Parent/Guardian Scholarships**

- **Yuli**

- **\$350,000 Food Insecurity**
- **\$350,000 Emergency Grants**
- **\$300,000 Childcare**

- **Parent Guardian Grant Vote**

- Consolidate funds into 1 district pot- **Passed**
- Increase age requirement from 5 to 10 - **Passed**
- Open application to ABE/GED/ESOL students- **Passed**

- **Emergency Grant Vote**

- Temporarily change requirements (for this fiscal year)- **Passed**
 - Minimum 1 credit (not community education)
 - No GPA restriction
 - Eligibility expanded to ABE, ESOL, and Early College
- Recipients of a Foundation Grant are ineligible for an Emergency Grant in Fall term- **Passed**
 - 1 vote for discussion: Limits our ability to assist students who need the help.
 - Rebuttal: This would open those funds for students who weren't eligible for CAREs
- Lift restriction of 6 Emergency Grants per student (for this fiscal year)- **Passed**
 - Concern: Removing this would result in some students not being served.
- Keep $\frac{1}{3}$ allocation of Emergency Grant Funds in Fall.- **Passed**

- **Adjournment**