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Full Council Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
5:00 p.m.
June 25, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Sandy Gray, Henry Harper, Karen Hutchison, Sam Lathem, Joel Littlejohn, Janis Nesterak, Karen Pickard, Bob Suppe, Frank Vavala, Manera Constantine, and Janet Nichols

Mrs. Nichols welcomed each member as they joined the meeting virtually, took attendance and reviewed the meeting rules. Chairman Sam Lathem then welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking time to attend. Mr. Lathem called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Constantine explained to Council Members that the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes needed to be amended to reflect the correct meeting place which was the Marion E. Proffitt Training Center, at the Appoquinimink School District Offices in Odessa which is located in New Castle County.

General Frank Vavala moved to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2019 DACCTE Meeting, as amended. Mrs. Janis Nesterak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of June 22, 2020 was distributed to the Council.

Janis Nesterak moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Dr. Joel Littlejohn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year 2021 DACCTE State Budget

The Council's Fiscal Year 2021 State Budget request was presented and approved at the October 09, 2019 Council meeting and submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by the October 15 deadline.

Dr. Constantine presented the budget request at the OMB hearing on November 12, 2019 which included a 1% requested increase in the Contracted Services funding line. DACCTE's Fiscal Year 2021 budget request was included in the Governor's Recommended Budget.

On February 13, 2020 Chairman Lathem and Dr. Constantine attended the Council's budget hearing before the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) of the General Assembly. They reported that the hearing was positive. This is the final year for JFC Chairman Senator Harris McDowell who is retiring from the General Assembly after many years of service. Senator McDowell has always been very supportive of Career and Technical Education and DACCTE.

Senate Bill 240, the State's Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget was introduced and laid on table (LOT) in the Senate on June 18, 2020. On June 23 it was lifted from table in the Senate and passed. It was presented and passed the House of Representative on June 24. DACCTE was level funded for Fiscal Year 2021. The Student Organizations fund and line, which DACCTE has advocated for, was also level funded.

Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (JLOSC) Review of DACCTE

Dr. Constantine updated the Council Members on the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's (JLOSC) review of DACCTE.

She reminded Council Members that DACCTE was required to submit progress reports in October and December 2019 showing what steps had been taken to meet the recommendations from the JLOSC. DACCTE was one of seven other state agencies which were held over. On February 6, 2020 Chairman Sam Lathem and Dr. Constantine attended a JLOSC Committee meeting where DACCTE and three other agencies were released from further review upon submission of an Annual report to the JLOSC.

On May 22 Council staff received an email containing a Statement from Representative Bentz and Senator Lockman, joint chairs of the JLOSC stating "Although the COVID-19 pandemic cut short our review and public meetings schedule, our work continues. Because JLOSC will not meet to release any entities from review, all entities currently under review are considered held over until the JLOSC meets again, presumably in January 2021".

Perkins V State Plan for Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Dr. Constantine serves on the State Plan committee representing DACCTE. The final draft of the State Plan was presented to the State Board of Education in late December and made available for public comment through February. Council Members received information regarding accessing the State Plan on the Department of Education's website and were asked to make any necessary recommendation or comments.

DACCTE submitted the following Public Comment regarding the CTE State Plan on February 21, 2020 in support of the Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs):

Perkins V-- DACCTE Public Comment

The Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are organizations for students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and are integral components of the instructional program. CTSOs have a positive impact on career development for students by providing skill training, leadership development and applied learning experiences at the local, state and national levels.

The Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education (DACCTE) is an advocate and strong supporter of the CTSOs and requests that specific language be included in the Perkins V State Plan to reflect the value and support for the eight CTSOs available to students in Delaware including: BPA, DECA, Educators Rising, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA and TSA and the permissible use of state and federal financial resources for attendance and participation in career related activities.

The Perkins V – CTE State Plan was approved by the State Board of Education on March 19 and submitted to the US Office of Education for approval in April 2020.

DACCTE Activities/COVID-19

Dr. Constantine updated the Council Members on the activities which were affected by the State of Emergency issued by Governor Carney as a result of the pandemic. As a result of the school closings, our April Council meeting which was scheduled to be held in the Milford School District was canceled as were the spring school monitoring visits. However, the Principals at the six schools on the spring schedule were contacted via email and the teachers received the monitoring questionnaire which they completed and returned to the Council staff. The spring Career and Technical Education (CTE) Workshop and Council Awards programs were also canceled due to the State of Emergency and mandated closings.

DACCTE Website and Social Media Update

On March 4 Council staff met with Sarah Dennison from the State of Delaware Government Information Center (GIC). GIC hosts the DACCTE website and provides assistance with updates and additions we make. DACCTE staff met with Mrs. Dennison seeking assistance in developing a Twitter account and a "Resource Portal Page" for the website per the recommendation of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee. The "Resource Portal Page" contains links to other State Agencies, CTE Student Organizations, Chambers of Commerce and National CTE related organizations. These additions were posted on DACCTE's website in March 2020.

Delaware Career Compass and Teacher's Guide

This year DACCTE was again able to provide sponsorship for the Delaware Career Compass and Teachers Guide which is developed and distributed by the Department of Labor (DOL). Dr. Constantine serves on the Advisory Committee for the Compass and worked closely with Kristie Manley, Editor on the content including the sections pertaining to Career and Technical Education.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

DACCTE staff participated in two virtual meetings with staff from OMB in April and May pertaining to the Pandemic and Cares Act and related budget issues. Delaware was awarded 1.5 million dollars under the Cares Act for Pandemic related expenses.

Other Staff Training

Dr. Constantine reported that staff member Janet Nichols participated in a three-day virtual training class regarding Statewide Benefits.

DACCTE – Looking Ahead

Given the unknown of the Pandemic going forward, Dr. Constantine explained the need for future discussions regarding Council operating procedures for activities such as school monitoring visits, CTE workshops and the Annual Awards Program.

Christina School District

Dr. Constantine reported that Dr. Dan Shelton, formerly the Superintendent at Capital School District has taken the position of Superintendent at the Christina School District. Dr. Shelton is very supportive of Career and Technical Education programs.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ARTICLES

The following article was shared with Council Members prior to the meeting:

- “CTE Policy Watch: A Blog for CTE Advocates”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janis Nesterak suggested that the minutes should reflect that the General Public had access to the information regarding this meeting and there were no attendees and therefore no comments from the general public.

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

General Vavala moved to adjourn the business meeting, Janis Nesterak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.