

From Eddie Genna, Faculty Association President

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President Lumm, Governing Board members, Chancellor, CEC members, and Distinguished Guests,

Good Evening. I rise to update the Governing Board on the work the Faculty Executive Council and the Adjunct Faculty Association have been doing, together, to raise awareness about the new Student Success Agenda and to encourage our faculty to embrace it.

The leadership of our organizations has been meeting regularly since this summer talking about ways we can work together to further enhance teaching and learning in Maricopa. These discussions created not only a positive working relationship but also helped to foster a sense that we can do even more together than we can separately.

This collaboration has grown to the extent that on November 8 of this year we held, for the first time, a joint-board meeting of the Faculty Executive Council and the Adjunct Faculty Association where we began to explore the ways in which we could more actively engage our faculty in this important work. Much of our conversation revolved around what we can, and do, do in our classrooms each and every day to help students succeed.

I would now like to present Phil Jalowiec, AFA President, to share the rest of the story. Thanks.

To President Lumm, Governing Board members, The Chancellor, CEC members and District Executive staff

From Phillip Jalowiec, AFA President

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The historic meeting on November 8, 2011 of members of the Faculty Executive Council and the Adjunct Faculty Association Board is just the beginning of a process through which Faculty will understand their needs, identify the tools, define the information, and improve the skills necessary to most effectively facilitate their role in improving Student Success and achieving the objectives of the Student Completion Agenda.

As we learned from this dialog as well as the dialog held amongst Adjunct Faculty at the Adjunct Faculty Fall Conference on October 29th, 2011, there is a real willingness in engaging in new ways of thinking, in collaborating within our disciplines and working with our peers across the District in achieving a higher level of effectiveness to improve student achievement of their intent within our colleges.

To keep the momentum going, the Adjunct Faculty Association is looking forward to hosting the second in this series of joint dialogs at our December 11, 2011 Board meeting.

Over the course of the upcoming months as the Faculty's process deepens and broadens, we recognize that it is important to keep up-to-date with the progress of the essential initiatives taking place in all the other parts of the Maricopa system focused on meeting the challenges of the Student Completion Agenda. The leadership of both Faculty organizations look forward to coordinating our efforts with those in Advisement, Admissions, Student Services and IT to ensure that the effects on Faculty are well communicated and that what Faculty do in the classroom dovetails optimally with all the other efforts for the benefit of our students.

We appreciate the strong support that the Governing Board has voiced in support of the District's Executive Administration and College Presidents in taking on the challenge of the Student Completion Agenda and we are hopeful that the sense of urgency necessary to achieve the aggressive targets of this national priority will pervade all our efforts.

We look forward to the District as a whole making significant progress with the aggregate metrics established in May and we the Faculty, both Residential and Adjunct, look forward to improving our effectiveness in carrying out our primary role in this endeavor because we know that Student Success happens one course, one class, one student at a time.