

ASU and DSC Consolidation Implementation Committee Meeting
Allied Heath, Community Service & Theatre Building – Darton Campus
Friday, March 11, 2016
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The ASU and DSC Consolidation Implementation Committee meeting was held on Friday, March 11, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Arthur Dunning, Albany State University President at 12:54 p.m.

President Dunning began by welcoming the group and thanked everyone for their hard work in the shaping of the New Albany State University mission statement. He clarified the status of Albany State University as an HBCU. He invited feedback on the guiding principles and vision statement in order to avoid conflicting conversations after and beyond the CIC meetings.

President Dunning referenced the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with regard to ensuring equal opportunity in federally assisted programs and activities and the Higher Education Act of 1965 authorizing the strengthening of HBCU programs. Furthermore, President Dunning stated that he will be meeting with students and others at 4:00 p.m. today to further discuss and allay any concerns regarding ASU's HBCU status as well as our newly approved mission statement.

President Carvajal reminded the group of the first discussion/initial draft of the vision statement that was reviewed during the February 12, 2016 meeting. He clarified the meaning and decision of the inclusion of "applied research" in the vision statement and stated it was a Board-directed requirement. He began with a discussion of the Guiding Principles:

- 1) Started with 9 principles followed by collecting the group's input
- 2) "Wrap around services" – term removed and assessed accordingly
- 3) "Change the Order" (e.g. Aspirational Excellence)
- 4) Regionalism
- 5) Importance of diversity (specific mention of HBCU status)
- 6) Balance of adding more to the vision statement while shortening it

A new draft of guiding principles was presented that included:

- 1) Aspire to excellence
- 2) Embrace diversity
- 3) Expand access to higher education
- 4) Elevate historically underserved populations
- 5) Promote economic development

This list of guiding principles was shortened from nine principles to five.

The group was given an opportunity to provide feedback of these guiding principles and respond to the following:

- Concerning the draft vision, what additions, edits, and or changes, would you make before concluding that it is ready for adoption?
- Concerning the updated draft guiding principles, what additions, edits, and/or changes, if any, would you make before concluding that these, too, are ready for adoption?

Lastly, Kevin Scott distributed a document which he authored entitled, “Albany State University and Darton State College: Our Collective History” which contained a brief statement of the decision at the Board level to consolidate the two universities, a history of ASU followed by that of DSC, and finally “The New U,” which describes the commitment of both schools to “sustain the missions of both its predecessors, honoring its legacy of service to the African American community and providing access to any potential student seeking a path to education, career enhancement, or personal enrichment.” President Carvajal closed the discussion recognizing the hard work that Kevin did in researching and writing the document. The group was then asked to provide feedback:

- 1) “To what extent does the draft history statement concisely, yet effectively, capture the histories of ASU and DSC, and what edits, changes, and/or additions, if any, would you recommend?”
- 2) “To what extent does the draft history statement concisely, yet effectively, demonstrate how the two institutions’ missions have converged around a shared desire to promote student success?”

President Dunning said that bringing a voice to these four documents is not a task that one or two people can take upon themselves.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.