



## **Del Mar College Board of Regents Agenda for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session**

### **Workforce Alignment**

Texas community colleges educate 54% of all students in public higher education, 70% of all freshmen, 70% of all minorities, 60% of all registered nurses, and 84% of all emergency first responders in the state. We recommend aligning our instructional programming with Texas workforce needs and support passage of legislation to:

- Align clear pathways from high school to community college career and technical education programs.
- Reform the Skills Development Funding to support those programs that meet the State's workforce needs.

### **Student Success Funding**

We endorse the concept of College funding based on student success, including a complete set of metrics used to measure that success that aligns with the state's comprehensive mission for community colleges. We recommend achievement of all these benchmarks be used as factors to accurately measure community colleges success:

- Adult Basic Education and English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)
- GED completion
- Developmental education in math, reading and writing
- Gateway courses, college-level math and English
- Completion of Core Curriculum
- Completion of certificate, associate degree or apprenticeship
- Transfer to another institution after 15 hours
- Preparation for high-demand careers: health science, emergency response
- Gainful employment
- Funding realignments based on three-year average enrollment

Further, to ensure our students have access to high quality classroom faculty and staff, we recommend reinstating employee health insurance funding to 60% of costs this Legislative session and 84% of costs next session.

### **College Readiness**

To ensure students entering Del Mar College are prepared for college-level work, we recommend:

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- Implement Mathways approach in which students complete one semester of basic college math before branching into one of three math tracks—Quantitative Literacy, Statistics, or Math for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Majors.
- Require all students to complete a Student Success course.
- Support enhanced professional development for faculty.

**Transfer and Articulation**

To reduce the cost of instruction and to increase degree completion and student success, we recommend streamlining transferability and articulation of credit by:

- Standardizing a pathway to Associate Degree completion through a statewide common core and fields of study curriculum.
- Incentivizing Associate Degree completion and transfer for students, community colleges and universities.

**Texans in Community College**

Based on the model of Del Mar College’s highly successful GED program, we recommend the state improve the success of adult basic education by:

- Transferring oversight of Adult Basic Education to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Fully funding Adult Basic Education programs for community colleges.

**Other Issues to Monitor**

- Concealed handguns on campus
- Representation on County Tax Appraisal Board
- Required financial literacy education curriculum
- Required meningitis vaccinations
- Community College oversight by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Credit for military training and experience
- Required Campus Emergency Alert system
- Skills Development funding

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