



MT. SAC
Mt. San Antonio College

PIZZA WITH THE PRESIDENT

APRIL 13, & MAY 11
@ 1 P.M.

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Meet the President/CEO of Mt. SAC!
Ask Dr. Bill Scroggins questions about
the campus and leadership advice.

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May 11, 2021
1pm

Mt. SAC Employees: President Scroggins, Carol Nelson, Giovanni Rodriguez, Julia Walker

Students:

Kathleen Molina Kmolina16@student.mtsac.edu	present
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Pete Rojas projas1975@yahoo.com	present
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Isha Bhalli ibhalli@student.mtsac.edu	present
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Alexa Riz mruiz204@student.mtsac.edu	present

- **Introductions**

- Pete – Kinesiology major, transfer club, arise program
- Isha – arise program, Promise Plus program ; 3rd semester at mt sac
- Lyda - business major, arise, lead program
- Alexa- AS, business major, ARISE, MECHA

- Numan – business major
- **President Scroggins** – grew up in the area, LP HS, went to college, Chemistry major; taught college Chemistry for 20 years, wanted to improve student experience and got involved as Department Chair, Faculty Union, Club advisor --> curriculum chair, faculty chair, got involved at state level ; San Bernadino College – Dean; President at (missed name) College; worked with MECHA, Puente
- **Isha** – Wondering about post-covid scenarios, how are students going to social distance? How many students will be allowed in classroom at once?
 - Transmission rates are down since vaccine has been administered. Currently in yellow tier, which is the safest. Goal of Governor Newsome is to open state by June 15. Initial, limitation for classroom occupancy is 25% (approved by the state). By February vaccine distributed widely, now in May we will look to the Health department to give us guidance. Now, things are loosening up, ex. Go outside without masks and restaurants are opening up. Fall semester starts Aug. 23, there is a good chance restrictions will be released by then. 1,000 employees vaccinated and cleared to return to campus. Hired additional mental health care workers.
- **Pete** – I heard you reference updating the ventilation system, how does it help prevent the spread of covid?
 - Since the virus is spread through the air, it will be filtered through the ventilation system.
- **Lyda** – financial aid for international students, good news that we can apply for financial aid. When can we apply and is this for all schools in CA or just Mt. SAC?
 - US DoE announced today the guidelines for the aid for students today. Give us some time to figure it out and work with your counselor / Patty in Admissions and Financial Aid. We will get the word out as soon as can.
- **Alexa** – 6% of classes online pre-covid, for fall what will the outcome be?
 - Initial goal is 20%. Business courses doing very well online, the same for social sciences. We will bump those up as this will be the new normal. But not every major will be at the 20% level. We will now offer options like hybrid (ex. Class online, lab in person)
 - What procedures is the school taking for , you are stepping down right?
 - I have 2 more years. I have been fortunate to hire senior level administrators (named VPs). The same is for middle management, we just hired a new director for ACCESS program. Tomorrow, we are hiring a new Director of Financial Aid. We have to hire good faculty; focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion. Next, want to hire a Director for the El Centro program for students of Latinx background. 16F will house EOPS and El Centro. Bldg 6 will house Black and African American students. Minority Male program, we just celebrated Black student success week. We also have a 3 story Student Center being built right now.

- **Numan** - new incoming students, what is being planned to help them with the given circumstances?
 - Currently recruiting students for summer bridge, hiring student ambassadors. There is also the summer STEP program. Also the Promise Program (about \$1,000 of resources). And we hired more in the Health Center. Programs such as reach and the Rising Scholars (for formerly incarcerated). Emphasis on short-term non-credit courses. We have 30 million in financial aid. (Gio added) Hiring Social Workers as it relates to Basic Needs and Behavioral Wellness.
- **Pete** – Noticed internships in collaboration with UC Irvine, would like more information.
 - We have over 600 internships, half are on campus. The STEM grant program is with UC Irvine. Mentioned SSEED program (Gio explained). All our support programs have referral options through SSEED. Many employees introduce themselves at the Board of Trustees, usually will say “I was an intern at Mt. SAC”.
- **Kathleen** – commends Mt. SAC for all that they have done. Have had amazing professors who have stepped up their A game and offering extra office hours (including night) and really appreciates it. Communication is very good, receives lots of emails / text messages from Financial Aid.
- **Pete** - Will parking permit prices stay the same when students will be returning to campus in Fall 2021?
 - Yes, they will.



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October 12, 2021 – Notes

9 Registered for Pizza with the President, 8 students attended

Ny'kel Best (DHH, ASPIRE, Fashion Club, Film Club)

Yunting Li (ESL Student)

Usaamah Edwards (DHH, ASPIRE, Culinary Arts)

Diana Sanchez (DHH, new student and non-traditional, over 50 yrs old)

Pete Rojas (ACCESS, Transfer Club, Kinesiology)

William Surjadi (Computer Sciences)

Anthony Kuo (Vet Sciences)

Illa Nahue-Suarez (ACCESS)

1. Introductions at 1 p.m., Dr. Scroggins introduced his leadership experience with the Army and how transferrable leadership skills can come from anywhere.
2. First question was regarding the change of date and venue for Fall Leadership Conference
 - a. After a meeting with Risk Management, HR, and Student Health Services the decision made was to ensure the safety all staff and participants.
3. Student asked about students with breakthrough cases and the impact on current students. Although there is Cleared4 and testing available, the student still doesn't think that it's enough. All students should get tested weekly.
 - a. Dr. Scroggins responded about the very low rates of breakthrough infections. Even with breakthrough infections, there are shorter recovery periods and infections are non-fatal.
 - b. Mt. SAC is in line with LA County guidelines.
4. Will Winer Session continue with the same guidelines.
 - a. Board will revisit Resolution 21-05 on Wednesday, 10/12/2021.
 - b. Currently calls for Winter and Spring to have all students vaccinated with medical and religious exemptions only.
 - c. Dr. Scroggins stated that current vaccinations and testing protocol has been effective
 - d. Saturday study session following to update resolution
5. Three students came from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and stated there is a lack of community and involvement
 - a. Dr. Scroggins stated there was a retirement of the Director and Coordinator
 - b. There was a Director that was hired but left
6. Students followed up with the last statement stating that it was so amazing to finally have a Deaf Director who was a person of color and in the LGBTQ community. There were so many identities that allowed students to connect with the center. They finally felt welcomed and felt they mattered. Since Topher left, students have felt the current people are hard to connect with. They don't represent the DHH community. It is important that the next manager and staffed hired are Deaf People of Color. Representation matters.



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- a. Dr. Scroggins stated it is important to find a diverse pool of applicants and recruit as widely as possible.
7. Another student stated as a deaf older student, their experience hasn't been positive. The experience at the DHH Center hasn't been positive. Need more tutors for math and English. This student also feels that nobody is welcoming in instructional classes and for group work nobody wants to choose her.
 - a. Dr. Scroggins apologized for her experience.
 - b. With a new director and coordinator, we hope to make it a different experience.
 - c. Hopefully she can find community in with peers and other student organizations.
8. A student stated how frustrated and upset he has been with Cleared4. His app doesn't work correctly and how come there are bracelets. He felt the only fool proof method is to have a bracelet to be on campus. At least that doesn't have glitches and he could walk into anywhere with it.
 - a. Dr. Scroggins stated that the current testing method takes 24-48 hours, and takes a while to clear on the app
 - b. Looking into a spit test that has a 9 hour turnaround time
 - c. Bracelets not intended for use but as a last resort for issues.
9. A student commented on attending the 75th Anniversary event and noticed Dr. Scroggins was the president of 10 years, what has been his hardest obstacle.
 - a. Dr. Scroggins stated that COVID has been the hardest obstacle
 - b. 4,000 courses needed to be converted to virtual. 96% were done in 4 days.
 - c. Had to come up with other strategies to keep in person learning environments safe.
10. The last question was about the farm, on how many community colleges have farms.
 - a. LA Pierce College is the only other Community College with a farm in the Los Angeles area.
11. Meeting concluded at 2:00 p.m.

Pizza with the President
May 10, 2022
Founder's Hall, 1-2p

6 Students in attendance:

An - Student Government, EOPS/Calworks student employee

Sergio - Marketing: connect with students who may have had trouble getting classes.
SMCC transfer

Victoria- Social Behavior and stay for nursing

Pete- Kinesiology

Devin- ASL/Interpreter High School Special Admit/Dual Enrollment Student

Carlos-Psychology Major/Puzzle Project

1. First question is regarding why are some majors a challenge to get into, example:
Nursing Program
 - a. There's so many students that can accepted into a program. Nursing is an impacted program, 70 each term to meet community needs.
 - b. At times there is a waitlist
 - c. There are pre-requisite courses
 - d. There are pre-reqs, GPA, and priority to students from the district
2. With the construction of the Student Life Center, when is it inspected and does the construction stop?
 - a. Inspection occurs at every step of the process
 - i. Inspection started at the demolition of the Row buildings
 - ii. Digging for foundation, concrete pour, etc.
 - iii. inspection occurs during construction
 - iv. Big part of the budget to pay for the inspector
3. Is there a plan to have a specialized person to diagnose students with a disability in ACCESS?
 - a. Dr. Scroggins thinks hopes that the position is just vacant and hopes that it is refilled
 - b. Currently filling for Director and hopes to have a learning assessment specialist
 - c. No charge for students
4. Is there funds to plan to expand ASL program?
 - a. We are always assessing plans to help programs grow
 - b. Have a full-time person that measures market demands
 - c. Consortium of Colleges that meet to see and discuss which campus is increasing the capacity so their is no duplication
 - d. There is always new demands especially with technology
 - e. There are state and community money to expand
 - f. License nursing and pharmacy are large market demands
 - g. Cyber technology and technology
 - h. We have advisory committees that inform the campus on curriculum
 - i. We look at the feasibility of expanding

- ii. Sometimes we have to wait to get the facilities and there also needs to be a demand
 - 1. Culinary Arts has low enrollment and campus adjusts due to enrollment
 - 2. Restaurant industry has a slow recovery
- 5. Concern on safety measures in training to drive a Mt. SAC van, is there additional training for an employee to drive a passenger van?
 - a. Mt. SAC employees should be collaborating with their managers if a staff members feel they need additional training driving a van.
- 6. Are there a plan to expand childcare services for parents in college?
 - a. Mt. SAC expanded their childcare services
 - b. Mt. SAC receives funding from the state to provide childcare
 - c. The priority is to have CalWorks students and parents with needs to be placed in the Childcare center
 - d. Mt. SAC partners with local childcare providers
- 7. How do we expand the Dual Enrollment/ special admit program to other High School Program
 - a. Pass two years have helped high school students with the special admin programs
 - b. Provide classes in 25 high schools
 - c. High School Outreach
 - d. Mt. SAC Academy
 - i. Almost every student was accept to a University
 - e. Working to open on in Basset and Pomona
 - f. Prioritize college counselors to work in Hlgh Schools
 - g. Assign faculty to teach in high schools
 - h. Dual enrollment is also dual credit
 - i. It takes time but it is a priority
- 8. Need more counselors who understand special admit/dual enrollment students. Encountered a general counselor that was demeaning and undermining student's abilities.
 - a. Working on expanding training as Dual enrollment and High School program grows