

COMMENTS FROM Public Hearing held Thursday, February 25th

Fresno State – Peters Bldg. 191 6:00-7:00pm

5 attendees

Q1 - I just had a couple of questions, I know you mentioned that you have the partnerships quite a while like with Allen Hancock specifically the ag and engineering majors that come here. But if you open it to just local isn't it opened to all of their students not for just those majors, right?

A1 – Yes

Q2 - So it's really to the whole campus. And so that being said, there were quite a few applications from specifically Allen Hancock and Hartnell if you look at them they seemed to fall quite wouldn't that impact the ability of other local students to get in to Fresno State?

A1a – Yes, good question, and understand your concern with our other local colleges and I think the thought on that is to increase the competitive market of students that come to Fresno State.

A1b – If you look at the number it's 100+ overall it does impact but not dramatically as you think it would. But we look at the overall population and play around with the gpa and we do play around with the gpa to see what would happen if we lower or raise the index and we still try and give preference to our local population. That's the way we have our admission process set up,

So when you talk about a nonlocal pool like that Allan Hancock now a local by the process there will be nobody considered nonlocal.

So here is the predicament first of all as you heard, we do have a capacity issue. The impaction policy gives us a tool to manage the future at Fresno State. Another is without out this modification we would not have the tools to control the local feeders at Fresno State based on historic patterns and enrollment and historical relationships of Fresno State. The additional tool makes a great deal of sense for us to bring them in to the fold of local which have priority.

Q3 – Ok it sounds like you're trying to make the local pool more competitive because you raised the index quite a bit in the area of nonlocal gpa, right?

A3 – Yes

Q4 – My last question is the students who do fall in our local area also fall into another campus' local area?

A4 – Porterville being perhaps in the Bakersfield area, Bakersfield not being impacted they don't really have a designated service area. Hartnell being close to CSU Monterey Bay. Monterey Bay is not an impacted campus....yeah they are I take that back they do have majors that are impacted.

A4b – Let me answer the question one more time. Your question is, if we enlarge our local service area would it make it more difficult for Bakersfield students. That is something we need to consider. We have to understand and analyze the data.

A4c – I'd like to add to that the chancellor office does have a definition of local and non local areas.

Comment 5 – I see this position an impact indicator especially to Ag for many of our central valley students. Because the school partnership, there is still a lot of work that need to be done. Raul Moreno, Outreach, I'm support of this medication. But I also want to touch on one last thing, many of our faculty have also developed professional development relationships with FS which have allowed the business community to grow and develop.

Comment 6 – When Kelly mentioned about the local....my name is Kornya and I do the African American recruitment. When I saw this impaction I was really scared what that would do to the African American group because we know that the numbers are going down they're dwindling and adding. Right now with impaction we already have the local area not giving the time or space to offer to outside our local area and I shared this with my superiors. Andy my concern is if we broaden the scope, how much effort are we actually making? Because when I realized that one added campus is near Oakland/San jose and the other one is all the way down is near the coast. We have a lot of students coming from the Oakland and Los Angeles area what are we doing to bring those numbers in. Enlarging the pool? I mean how much effort are we really doing? So it's kind of frustrating to me because I bring a lot of students here and but they can't come because there is no space. I don't understand that. It's a frustration.

Comment 7 – Reverend Carl Jones representing the West Fresno ministry president western alliance. I'm here because I met with Dr. Castro about a month ago maybe and met with him the previous year where we were promised that the African numbers would be up. Maybe you were there? I'm not sure. When we met with him last month we were told that there will probably be an increase in 2016 but we were not presented with this proposal to add these community colleges which then begins to look like now we have a large expansion of numbers that we got to fight. We were 5% represented at the meeting and it's really less than that it's more like 2.78% or may even 3% or lower. We had in 2013 some numbers were presented to us I think I still have those numbers in my file and then in 2014 the numbers dropped and then it went back up by 15%. The question to Dr Castro, how do we begin to look outside to get those numbers to be increased because it helps with the diversity of the school all of the things we already know about so I don't even have to give you that certain? I'm here tonight because I'm very very disturbed that we didn't hear about the impaction last month and how that impacts us.

Comment 7 response: I hear you concerns about that and that is definitely something we are looking in to . The VPA of enrollment management Dr. Malisa Lee and she has formulated a task group just for that purpose..... to specifically reevaluate all of our service areas and specifically for the purpose of looking at maintaining the diversity of our populations at Fresno State and specifically African American and our American Indian populations that have decreased over the years. And so this task force is newly formulated. They've had one meeting so far so they started their charge.

Response: What is the reason for adding the additional colleges? These four colleges...well starting with Clovis Community, that's more of a formality. They've always been part of our local area. Name change. The other 3 with regards to Allen Hancock, Porterville and Hartnell are institutions that we have had long term historical relationships with these community colleges in addition to is we receive a large number of applications from these institutions. I had mentioned earlier with regards of Porterville being in the south valley even though they are close to Bakersfield being a small campus doesn't offer the programs Fresno State offers. And we do receive a large interest from Porterville for that reason.

Response I'm not against the community colleges but I also know the direct impact on African American students and this decreases our numbers. This increases of the chance of them not getting as appose to getting in because we are going all the way out. Because they become the local area too. I see them

decreasing more. If we bring in less than 2%, we are dead in the water. So I really need to make that an emphasis here in terms of the impact it has here in our community.

Response Well heard, like we mentioned it is being acknowledge and this task force is going to be looking at all of that this next year with regards to our service area. I wish I could give you more of an update but this is a newly formed task force formulated.

Response When is the decision going to be made to add these schools?

Response We are going to submit an official proposal in mid-march. We will here by end of March. There is no time frame as when we will bring in African American students.

Response There is a secondary process that will be evolved more and more like maybe even look at the holistic view.