HB 2777: Daytona State College Homelessness and Hunger Eradication Initiative

The bill was presented by Rep. Leek as “a feel-good-do-good project” and has passed through the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee on March 20. It is now before the Appropriations Committee.

http://m.myfloridahouse.gov/Bill/BillDirectDetail/57794

http://public.lobbytools.com/index.cfm?type=bills&id=43881

http://thefloridachannel.org/videos/32017-house-higher-education-appropriations-subcommittee/

   HB 2777 is found at 50:57

Hope Place

According to the April 16 edition of The Daytona Beach News-Journal, the most recent planned start-up date(s) for Hope Place has been revealed: "Halifax Urban Ministries runs the family shelter on North Street, but will want to keep renting the space after the family shelter moves to the old Hurst Elementary School buildings in December or January, said Anne Evans, chairperson of the HUM board" (A5).

This means that the “safety net” for students in crisis will not be available, most likely, until the start of the spring 2018 semester. The Daytona Beach Police Department also has an agreement similar to the one we have with HP that would extend emergency shelter for (an) individual(s) in crisis. What can we do now to prepare for the fall, when emergency shelter for DSC students in crisis, may not be available?

Meeting with College Diversity Committee,

The committee met April 18 and pledged its support to help spread awareness about homelessness, generational poverty, and the unique challenges of first-generation college students. In particular, the suggestion to include (at least one) washer and dryer in the proposed homeless student center. Also, one member from the nursing department noted that there are several beds in building 500 which could be used for students facing an emergency housing crisis.
Campus and Neighborhood Food Insecurity

Paul Tomazin, “The Barefoot Farmer,” has been contacted about the possibility of his helping the college establish a campus community garden and a farmers’ market to address food insecurity among our students, as well as our neighbors in the surrounding area, most of whom live in a “food desert.”

http://players.brightcove.net/2235435113001/default_default/index.html?videoId=5354791336001

Retention and Creating a Sense of Community

“Learning communities build a sense of academic and social community and increase engagement among students and faculty, all of which lead to a variety of positive outcomes. These may include improved academic achievement, as measured by GPA, credit accumulation, and self-reported learning. The literature suggests that participating students also demonstrate greater progress in academic subjects, indicate increased satisfaction with the college, and report greater use of student support services. Taken together, these characteristics may lead to improved retention and learning outcomes.”
(p. 15 on LC’s); (graph on financial problems over academically unpreparedness)

“A growing body of research shows that full-time college students are more likely to graduate, yet experts caution against policies that neglect part-time students.”
https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/04/19/students-who-attend-college-full-time-even-one-semester-are-more-likely-graduate

County Council Meeting on Homeless Shelter
(See attached.)