

President's Report October/November 2017

Partnerships

- Crystal City ISD – met with superintendent regarding the potential of an Early College High School or Academy model for the district. The ISD will research further into the details and try to see if it will be feasible for next fall.
- Medina Valley ISD – met with superintendent to renegotiate our lease for the Castroville facility and discussed the possibility for an Early College High School for their district. We have a revised lease for Board consideration in November
- Met with both Dilley and Knippa administration regarding the Early College High School. Discussed opportunities for improvements, the need to develop an evaluation document, current trends and projected future of the programs
- Attended the dedication of the Del Rio Early College High School campus on October 30. Del Rio Board and Administration very complimentary of the partnership with SWTJC
- Traveled to Eagle Pass on October 20 to meet with Texas Workforce Commissioner, Julien Alvarez. Discussed our partnership with South Texas College, Laredo Community College and Fort Duncan Hospital (Skills Development Grant). The commissioner praised our visionary approach in using our partnership to deliver training to our health care providers. He also encouraged us to continue expanding our engagement of K-12 partnership and emphasized the fields of cyber security, coding, and drone pilots.
- Will travel to Laredo Community College on Friday November 10th to sign an MOU between South Texas College, Laredo Community College, Del Mar College, Texas A&M International and SWTJC to implement and sustain educational initiatives focused on increasing individual success and post-secondary completion and provide the tools needed to be successful in their individual career and educational endeavors.

Enrollment

Cabinet and key stakeholders met with individuals from Civitas to demo a college course scheduler software. The software assists students in preparing course schedules. We understand that we have to keep improving our services to students, yet we have very limited resources. A foundation is providing grant funds that will cover the first year cost, half of the second year cost; our initial investment is \$5,000 for installation. At year 3, the cost is \$20,000 (1/3 of the cost to hire one additional advisor)

Facilities

- Garner Science Building –
 - Gas leak repaired and certified
 - Mechanical Engineers working on plan for air exhaust
- Espinosa – 2 A/C replaced
- Wagner – Temporary sump pump for flooding earlier in the month
- EP Parking Lights – replaced bulbs/ballast all functional
- IE Office – renovated office
- Greenhouse – restoration
- Kincaid – ADA access to restrooms
- Security Gates Completed – closed at nights and weekends
- Roof Leaks addressed on various buildings on campus
- Matthews Lab 1 & 2 AC replaced
- 11 Fire Hydrants inspected
- Richarz & Kincaid – electrical update
- Eagle Pass ABE Building - Painted
- TxDOT – discussing improvements to culvert at Day Care
- Christmas at the College – preparations
- Basketball tournament - preparations

Other

Our College Rodeo was a huge success, the first weekend of October. Nobody got hurt and we full stands both nights. We wish to thank Roy and Pam Angermiller for putting together this great event. Had a great opportunity to visit with supporters and an Express News reported that was covering the event.

Last but certainly not least – The Aspen Institute has identified SWTJC as a Top 10% community college in the nation. As we now advance to Round 2, we will be submitting additional information that they will review for further advancement.

Staff attended the third Pathways Institute. We have a formal report included in the agenda for the November Board meeting. Our goal is to have our Career and Academic Pathways ready for implementation – Fall 18.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

11/11	Hosting the Regional PTK meeting
11/22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
11/28	Christmas at the College
11/29 – 12/1	Texas Higher Ed. Coordinating Board – Leadership Conference
12/7	Christmas Luncheon
12/8	Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy Graduation
12/13	Middle Rio Grande Quarterly Meeting – Uvalde
12/14	Proposed December Board Meeting
12/15	Commencement Address Sul Ross – Alpine
12/20 -1/2	College Closed for Christmas Break