

President's Report September 2018

It has been a relatively routine start of the semester. Our enrollment report shows slight increases in students, semester credit hours, and contact hours. Our staff is meeting post registration to discuss what improvements to make for our spring term.

Dual Credit

We have been meeting throughout the summer on ways to improve the efficiency of the registration process for dual credit. One key change was to move the Outreach Department back under Academics. This will allow us to better coordinate the scheduling of courses, development of memorandum of understanding with each school district, supervision of dual credit faculty, and stronger alignment with our Career and Academic Pathways. Our focus is to automate as much as practical the registration process.

Last year we had over 2,500 dual credit students and this year we have in excess of 3,000. We estimate that with Early College High Schools alone we will reach 3,500 in three years.

Partnerships

We have been working with Mayor Danner and the community of Hondo over the summer to revise an Inter-Local Agreement. We have agreed on the changes and will have an agenda item for Board consideration.

Board Reports

Included in this month's report is information regarding a security audit and survey as well as a summary of Achieving the Dream Student Success Report. For the October meeting, we are planning report items on the Accountability Report and Community College Survey on Student Engagement.

Strategic Priorities

- For this academic year we have established a goal of awarding 1,155 degrees and certificates:
 - AA 550
 - AAS 120
 - AS 45
 - C1 340
 - C2 100
- Focus on getting students to important milestones; college gateway courses, 15/30 semester credit hours, core completion, transfer with 30 + hours

- Continue to enhance academic advising with Student Planning
- Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) – focus on Capstone & Internship Learning
- Update Emergency Response Plan & improve activation and response time
- Institute a plan for a mandated air condition upgrade from R-22 by 2019

Other

8 Week Semesters

Three other colleges (Odessa, Amarillo, Grayson) have transitioned from 16 week semesters to two 8 week semesters with significant improvements to student success and semester credit hour growth. What they found is this format allows part-time students to take 4 courses spread over two 8 week semesters and become full-time students, accelerating their time to graduation. We have begun to evaluate if this makes sense for us and the steps to make it happen.

Financial Position

We continue to focus on improving our fund balance with finding additional efficiencies and reallocating resources when opportunities arise. This is a challenge as we try to balance it with our need to address deferred maintenance.

Legislative

January 2019 begins the next legislative session and we are hopeful that with the strength of the economy and the increasing price of oil, we will be able to realize an increase from state funding.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

9/20	September Board Meeting
10/2	PTK Induction – Uvalde
10/5-6	College Rodeo
10/11	Conversation with Students – Uvalde
10/17	TACC Quarterly Meeting - Austin