

President's Report

January 2025

Tech Expansion

Our architect is developing blueprints and construction documents for the Tech expansion.

We will soon be offering Drone Technology training through our Workforce Training Department. This training will begin with flight controls leading to an FAA license then proceed to drone payload operations (cameras, infrared, GIS Mapping, etc.).

With the approval of the new airport lease request, we will begin the development of the Aviation Powerplant program. This program along with our existing Aviation Airframe program will provide our students the necessary skills to earn the FAA A&P License.

Other

Legislative session begins on January 14, 2025. Our big push at the beginning of the session is approval of the supplemental appropriation bill. This bill will allow the Coordinating Board to fully fund our actual performance in the past year. As you recall, our initial funding is based on an estimate, this bill will provide us with additional dollars. I have attached a document that lists TACC official Legislative Priorities.

Also worth noting, Governor Abbott has instructed all state colleges and universities of a mandatory tuition/fee freeze for 2025-2027. We were not planning on tuition increase so no impact to our college is anticipated.

Bond Funding

We have an upcoming bond rating call that will update our rating prior to the issuance of the bonds. We plan to have a discussion with the Board in February on uses for the Revenue Bond (How much to address in deferred maintenance, which projects to include, how much to allocate for continued tech expansion and enhancements)

Upcoming Meeting/Events

1/14	General Faculty Meeting
1/16	January Board Meeting
1/21	First Day of Class
1/22	TACC Quarterly Meeting – Austin
1/25	Uvalde County Stock Show
2/3	Community College Day - Capitol
2/20	February Board Meeting
3/17-21	Spring Break
4/18	Easter Holiday