

President's Report

September 2017

Partnerships

- I had the opportunity to discuss with TEA Deputy Commissioner a new initiative “Grow Your Own”, he solicited input and advice on what TEA can do to help promote students to pursue teaching as a career.
- Also had a great conversation with Dana Williams, Operations Business Manager with H.E. Butt Family Foundation to discuss how the foundation can assist the college, public schools and the communities in Real County (Foundation Camp).
- Visited with Dr. Kibler, President – Sul Ross State University on various issues concerning our ongoing partnership.

Enrollment

I believe we have new record to report this Fall, we will have official numbers by the Board meeting. We continue to experience a large growth in our dual credit students, and I do not see that trend reversing any time soon. We are evaluating our resources and identifying where we may need to reallocate resources (staffing) in order to serve all our students.

Facilities

- We experienced a high volume of repairs and replacement of air conditioning units during the month of August. Major units went down in Del Rio, Crystal City and dorms.
- Roofing damage that occurred earlier in the year in Del Rio has been addressed throughout the summer, we have one building still pending (our staff doing the work)
- Signage has been installed at all campuses with the concealed carry law that just went into effect.
- One phase of major repairs was finished for the pool area during the summer.
- Security fencing and gates are in the process of being installed to better secure the campus during the nighttime and weekends. In Uvalde for example, the main entrance to the campus will always remain open; however, all other entrances (vehicle) will closed via a gate.
- Progress continues to be made with Data Recovery project.
- Our I.T. department just finished a major upgrade to our web page.
- Both our Physical Plant and Information Technology departments are doing a phenomenal job keeping us in operation.

Other

We received our EMS simulator, which was purchased with grant monies. This piece of equipment will allow us to fully prepare our students to enter the workforce.

Faculty Convocation was held 8/21-25; we had a busy week for our faculty and presented a dynamic speaker, Dr. Terrell Strayhorn. He emphasized the importance of belonging. Students perform much better when they feel they are wanted and belong on campus and in the classroom.

Palomino Festival (9/1-3) was a great a success and the group was able to contribute \$25,000 toward our scholarship fund and an additional \$5,000 toward the Red Cross to help with Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief.

Along those lines, student/faculty groups from Eagle Pass/Uvalde/Del Rio gathered donations and our Truck Driving Program drove an 18-wheeler with donation to the community of Rockport.

Beginning with this month, two different teams will present to the Board their activities (WIG – Wildly Important Goals) and their Lead/Lag measures to support our goal. Our main institutional goal (WIG) is to increase graduates.

I have been appointed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to be a part of the Rule Making Process in the implementation of new legislation impacting the selection and availability of dual credit courses for state formula funding. The first meeting is scheduled in Austin on October 30th.

Upcoming Meetings

- 9-19 Conversation with Students – Del Rio
- 10/10 TACC Executive Committee Meeting – Austin
- 10/12 Conversation with Students – Uvalde
- 10/24 Conversation with Students – Eagle Pass
- 10/25 TACC Quarterly Meeting – Austin
- 10/30 Dual Credit Rule Making Committee - Austin