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Faculty teaching in the accelerated business degree met to look at the schedule and made a few minor changes. We will meet with the advisory committee the last week in March. Collin, Shad, and Jud have agreed to engage with the project.

We have not had any guidance regarding our Title III grant and when our Annual Performance Report will open. TRIO has received their GAN, but we are unable to open it and have had a tough time getting help. Perkins has responded quickly to reports and requests. The THECB manages this grant on behalf of the Department of Education, so that explains the difference between Perkins and the other two grants in terms of communication.

I met with Alex Bravo regarding the aviation possibilities. The equipment will be \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and the cost per student is around \$75,000. He is interested in dual-credit programs in Hutchinson County. We will need to consider the implementation cost and the return on investment.

The college has been one of the biggest VCT (Digi-Tex) users since the program began about 20 years ago. A new program, Course Sharing, is eventually replacing VCT, so we are engaging with them. We will serve as a pass-through for the host colleges and will collect their tuition and fees and then transfer the payment to them. The college will see no revenue as we had with VCT, and students will transfer the credits back to FPC. The pros are that we will be able to help students with courses we do not offer and that they will count towards our performance points. The cons are the cost of managing the enrollment, financial aid, and transfer as well as the loss of the small amount of revenue we currently get from VCT. If we want to continue providing the opportunity for students to take classes we do not offer, Course Sharing will likely be our only option.