

President's Report January 2023

Maintenance

Modular building – Paving has been completed. Transformer is at the AEP yard. Electrical panels are still on back order. Latest estimate is late March. Furniture has been ordered and building is I.T. network and WIFI in progress

The Witt building HVAC upgrade is continuing to move forward, the transformer has arrived, however electrical panels are still on back order.

Day Care – Installed a covered play area with rubberized flooring – with funds from a grant.

Chittim Upgrades – Bids are due in late January for the expansion of the Diesel and Welding facilities at the Chittim Tech Center. We are scheduled to bring them for Board consideration in February.

Enrollment

These enrollment numbers are preliminary as we are still registering students. However, our spring numbers appear to be even to last spring, down by 1% in headcount and up about 1% in semester credit hours. Our numbers will be official by census day (January 24th), but I don't expect much variability from current values. We have made significant improvements these last few months that are designed to help us in the recruitment aspect. We had several positions vacant and those were repurposed to be dual, student engagement and student recruiting on each campus as well as hiring a Marketing Coordinator to help expand our social media footprint and recruitment activities.

Legislative

During the past month, I have met with Chairman T. King, Representative Morales, Senator Gutierrez and Speaker Dade Phelan regarding our priorities and needs going into this next session. Chairman King and Speaker Phelan were on our campus on January 4th. We hosted a meeting with Robb Families and the Speaker. Senator Gutierrez held a similar meeting on our campus on January 12th.

Between now and the end of the session, I will be making more trips to Austin, for meetings and committee hearings. TACC normally holds quarterly meetings, however, during session we have scheduled monthly meetings. Our first meeting will be on January 25th followed by community college day on January 26th. We are taking about 30 students from across our service area as well as faculty and staff to meet with our representatives and senators:

Chairman T. King – Uvalde, Zavala, Dimmitt & Frio
Rep. E. Morales – Kinney, Maverick & Val Verde
Rep. A. Murr – Real, Edwards & Medina

Rep. R. Guillen – La Salle

Sen. R. Gutierrez – Uvalde, Zavala, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, Maverick, Val Verde

Sen. P. Flores – Medina

Sen. J. Zaffirini – Dimmitt & La Salle

Attached to this report are copies of our TACC Legislative Priorities and talking points.

Other

College Rodeo – We are assisting the San Antonio Livestock Show with their qualifying rodeo in Uvalde. Most of the rough stock is being housed at our arena for the event. In addition, our Rodeo Coach is assisting the McKenna Elrod family with the McKenna Scholarship Rodeo fundraising event.

Conversation with Students are scheduled for the spring semester and will bring updates as they occur.

Law Enforcement Academy – We requested a third-party review of our academy curriculum and processes. That was concluded in September, a copy of the report is attached. Also, we are working on a proposal to build a live fire training facility to offer regional active shooter training on our campus. We have been in conversation with Congressman Gonzales’ office to help facilitate funding for this proposal. The intent is to have a model of classroom/office scenario for realistic training, with training provided by the State’s ALERT instructors.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

1/19	Board Meeting
1/25	TACC Board Meeting
1/26	Community College Day at Capitol
1/28	Uvalde County LS show
2/16	Board Meeting
2/21	TACC Board Meeting
2/21-22	Board of Trustee Institute – Lakeway, TX
2/23	Conversation with Students – Uvalde
3/9	Grilling with the President
3/13-17	Spring Break