

President's Report April 2023

Maintenance

Modular building – Still pending the electrical panels

The Witt building – Nursing program will be moved back to Witt during the summer

Chittim Upgrades – We will have a preconstruction meeting next week to work out the logistics. Contractor states 200 days to completion.

Legislative

I have continued to visit with Legislators on our position on HB 1960 (Sul Ross downward expansion). The House Higher Education Committee held a hearing on April 10th on HB 1960. I testified against the bill along with Dr. Watkins, Dr. Schell, Mrs. Hanes, Mrs. Herndon and two students. The bill was left pending in committee. In addition, we met with each committee member's legislative staff along with our representatives. We continue to voice our opposition to this bill.

The community college funding bill (HB 8) has been voted out of the House and now sits on the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education. It appears to be on fast track to the Governor's desk. This bill will be transformational for our institution. Although we don't have exact dollar values, we expect a significant increase in State Appropriations from the funding mechanism.

Other

We are collaborating with the Texas Tribune to host a panel discussion titled Uvalde: Recovery, Resilience, and Healing on May 20th in the Tate Auditorium.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

4/20	Board Meeting
4/26	TACC Quarterly Meeting
4/27	Burgers with President (Del Rio Students)
5/3	TACC Legislative Committee Meeting
5/12	Commencement Ceremony
5/13	Commencement Ceremony
5/18	Board Meeting
6/15	Board Meeting
7/20	Board Meeting if necessary