

# **President's Report May 2017**

## **Partnerships**

We continue to work with our school district partners. With the expansion of Early College High Schools, (ECHS) we face a change in course offerings and the dynamics of the course scheduling are changing. I have had discussions with faculty at all three campuses about this change. It means that soon faculty that are used to teaching just on the college campus will have to begin teaching on a regular basis at the ECHS sites.

We have modified our MOU with the ECHS to account for this change and now have a better mechanism to recover our faculty cost for these courses. There are several options available for dual credit and ECHS.

- First is if the school district has qualified faculty on its staff – in this situation we waive the tuition cost and they pick up the salary cost for the faculty.
- The second option is the school district utilized our distance learning instruction or sends students to attend class on a campus – we discount tuition 15%
- The third option is when we send our faculty to teach a course at the high school site – we charge \$2,500 per course up to two courses, if they request more than two courses then we charge \$45,000 for five courses each semester and prorated between three and five. (3/5 or 4/5 of the \$45,000)

This change will allow us to continue providing dual credit and recoup our faculty cost. As I have discussed with the Board at prior meetings. Dual credit as a whole is changing the community college environment. We absolutely cannot survive without our dual credit component.

## **Legislation**

As of May 11, 2017, we still have not heard any results from the Conference Committee on the appropriation bill. The Property Tax Reform Bill is still in committee and we have no definitive indication on how this will proceed. (This is a bad bill for us given the drastic fluctuations on property values in Zavala County (minerals), as we saw this year.)

## **Campus Activities**

4/21	We hosted the Criminal Justice Competition
4/25	Palm's Fest
4/26	Administrative Professionals Day
5/12-13	Graduations
5/19	Law Enforcement Graduation
5/23-25	Staff Convocation

## **Meetings Attended and Upcoming Events**

- 5/1            Attended Texas A & M Kingsville for a signing of an MOU – Engineering
- 5/2            Met with Del Rio Faculty/Staff to inform them about the VP Del Rio vacancy, position notice, and procedure for the hiring of a replacement
- 6/2-3          CCATT Trustee Annual conference (San Antonio)