

President's Report

January 2021

Strategic Plan

Included in this month's agenda is board consideration of the proposed revisions to our Purpose, Mission, and Beliefs statements. This has been a three-month process that includes broad feedback from our employees. Upon board approval of these revision, the next phase will be to identify the institutional goals that support our mission and beliefs statements.

Covid-19

Again, this month, positive covid-19 cases continue rise. We had a significant number of employees that began the year in quarantine due to either a positive covid-19 test or exposure to an individual with a positive test. All these cases were a result of an off-campus exposure. Employees continue to work in a remote environment. Most of the reported cases are a result of family gatherings.

Del Rio Roofs

We are still waiting for a formal report back from TASB as a third-party engineer has made an independent inspection of the roof damage and necessary repairs.

Deferred Maintenance

We have approved a Mechanical and Electrical Engineering scope of work to a MEP firm to evaluate and recommend the necessary changes to those systems and the estimated cost to implement for Hubbard Hall. Improvements continue in Garner Hall that include renovation of showers and restrooms.

Funding

The 87th Legislative session opened on January 12th. As you know our current biennial appropriations run through August 31, 2021, and the next state budget will fund us from September 2021 through August 2023. During the summer, State Comptroller Hegar estimated that revenue would be significantly down for the 87th Legislature. However, on January 11th, his revised estimates improved the revenue outlook. The new estimate represents a decrease of 0.4% compared to current biennium.

In December Congress approved the Consolidated Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations ACT, 2021 (CRRSA). The total amount for colleges and universities is \$22 billion compared to the \$14 billion under the previous Cares Act. While we do not have an allocation amount as of yet, we expect it to be significantly higher than the Cares Act. Early indications are that the rules on allowable cost will be less stringent than under the Cares Acts. We will update you as we receive additional information.

We have announced to students that additional funding will be available to students enrolled in the spring semester and encourage them to file their FAFSA (financial aid application) as it is a requirement to be eligible for the funds.

From the current Cares Act we have allocated funds for additional network servers, support for our Chat software, website enhancements, programming for mobile apps, conversion of classrooms for hybrid learning, back-up generators, as well as additional covid-19 response supplies and equipment.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

1/20	TACC Quarterly Meeting
1/21	January Board Meeting
1/22	TACC Data Advisory Committee Meeting
1/25	TACC Legislative Committee Meeting
2/18	February Board Meeting

In addition to the above meetings I wanted to provide a list of standing meetings I attend on a regular basis.

Every Tuesday and Thursday – Strategic Planning Meetings (Cabinet)
Every Wednesday – Cabinet Meeting (Cabinet)
Every Thursday afternoon – Uvalde Covid Response Team Meeting (Local Leaders)
Fourth Tuesday evening – Uvalde Memorial Hospital Directors Meeting
Third Thursday noon - First State Bank Directors Meeting
Every Thursday noon – Rotary Meeting