

President's Report November 2014

Construction

Eagle Pass Academic – Bid has gone out and due back on November 19th. Our architects have informed us that they have received a good response from bidders.

Eagle Pass Technical Campus – Architects and staff have been busy surveying property, and exploring various designs to develop the technical campus. The attorney general has approved the bond issue and we received bond proceeds on November 13th.

Crystal City – The transfer of property from the City to the College has been finalized. Architect will begin working on the construction documents and we anticipate to have the blue prints ready for Board consideration in early spring.

Uvalde – AEP has begun an electrical service upgrade. This first step will increase our electrical capacity at the welding shop. The current electrical service is insufficient to operate the required number of welding units desired. Also, our staff is making progress with the renovation of the first wing of Hubbard Hall.

Partnerships

Medina Valley - Late last month, the joint partnership between Medina Valley ISD, SWTJC, and Sul Ross Rio Grande College held an open house at the new Medina Valley Higher Learning Center. We will begin offering classes in the center in the spring.

City of Uvalde – Earlier this month we attended a city council meeting where the Mayor proclaimed Accelerate Texas Week.

Other

Conversation with President – I attended various conversations with students this previous month and have made multiple meetings with students on all three campuses.

Faculty Meeting – I have met with faculty from the Faculty Association on the Del Rio and Uvalde campuses, and I have an upcoming visit to the Eagle Pass Campus. The conversations have been beneficial and received well by the faculty.

TACC – Last month I attended the president's quarterly meeting in Austin. We received updates on the upcoming legislative session. February 3, 2015 will be Community College Day at the capitol.

Audit – Our auditors have completed their work and will be presenting their report to the board. The result of the audit is positive.

Fall Fiesta – Last month we held the Fall Fiesta on all three campuses. The event helped promote awareness among our student body of all the services available at the college.

Halloween Party – On October 24th, my wife and I hosted a Halloween party for the families of staff and faculty. The kids absolutely loved it.

Parades – My wife and I joined, Ms. SWTJC at the Spinach Festival Parade, we had a great time representing the college. Upcoming we have the Hondo Light parade on November 15th.

Upcoming

SACSCOC – The SACSCOC annual conference is coming up 12/7-9/ in Nashville, TN. This is the last conference before our compliance report is due in March.

Brackett ISD – Presentation to juniors and seniors on the importance of higher education.

Christmas Activities – Christmas at the College : Open house (Matthews Student Center) on December 2, from 11-1, followed by lighting of decorations, pictures with Santa, and school choirs (main entrance – Flores Building parking lot), Christmas Posada on December 4th, and SWTJC invitational high school basketball tournament on December 4-6.

Christmas Break – We break for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 12 and reopen on Monday, January 5, 2015.