

President's Report June 2019

Legislative

Final Appropriations included a \$67.8 million increase to all community colleges, for us this represents \$16,925,420 for biennium an increase of \$994,832 for each year. It was definitely a positive year for us from an appropriation standpoint.

On the property tax side, the legislature exempted community colleges from the lower voter approved rate (formerly the rollback rate). Our Voter Approved Rate remains at 8%. Our business office is reviewing the bill for additional changes that we may be required to make.

Finally, on the policy side, the legislature approved SB25 – Relating to measures to facilitate the transfer, academic progress, and timely graduation of students in public higher education. The bill requires a report on nontransferable credit, requires dual credit students to file a degree plan after 15 semester credit hours, and require each college to develop at least one recommend course sequence for each certificate or degree plan.

Partnerships

We have scheduled our third regional higher education summit for June 20th. Our staff will be meeting with area superintendents and principals regarding dual credit issues.

We are asking the Board to approve the President to sign the dual credit MOU with the existing schools we currently serve. No substantial changes to the existing MOU. Although we are working on modifications for the 2020-2021 year.

We have a meeting scheduled with the City of Hondo and Hondo ISD on June 19th to discuss the future use of the new addition to the South Texas Regional Training Center in Hondo. They are holding Grand Opening ceremonies on June 21st.

Earlier this month we acknowledged First State Bank's continue commitment to awarding scholarships to our students.

Next week we will have a quarterly meeting with Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

Other

Achieving the Dream coach visit – Had a good visit from our achieving the dream coach in June. The focus of next year's project will be centered on improvements to processes on dual credit.

4DX Summit – we had a great summit with teams reporting their success in meeting their goals and sharing with the college community the important things learned in the process.

The Law Enforcement Academy held their graduation ceremony in the high school auditorium. It was well attended and air-conditioned!

Budget – We have included the draft-operating budget in board packet for review. We will discuss in more detail at the budget workshop scheduled for June 20th at 6pm.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

College will be observing summer hours from June 3 – July 26
(8am to 6pm M-TH and 8am to noon Friday)

- 6/20 June Board Meeting & Budget Workshop
- 7/4 4th of July Holiday
- 7/17-19 TACC Annual Meeting
- 8/1 Ground Breaking for Uvalde Memorial Hospital
- 8/15 August Board Meeting