President's Report September 2019

Partnerships

Have begun meeting with Superintendents. The goal is to meet with all by end of October. We are discussing their current and anticipated needs, changes in how we operate dual credit courses, enhancements to our advising and addressing any concerns. These meetings will be followed up by VP Underwood & VP Mata going out to visit with Principals, then our Registrar and assigned advisor will be meet with counselors. These meetings are in addition to the regular contact our Outreach Department has with each school district.

Our administration met with officials from Hondo to discuss the Hondo Lease. VP Tarski is in negotiations with the Hondo City Manager and if we reach agreeable terms by the board meeting it will be presented for board action.

I have had extensive communications with Dr. Kibler regarding our partnership with Sul Ross. We have agreed to have a weekly phone conference in order to keep our institutions moving forward to strengthen degree plans, address issues that students may be encountering with transfer and continue our effort to develop an outline of a regional higher education strategic plan.

Other

Our preliminary visit with the FAA went very well. They advised us that we are next in line for the formal application to the FAA Air Frame certificate. We expect it to begin in October. If all goes well, we might be able to begin our first cohort in January 2020.

The college was accepted in Cadre 1 of the next phase of the Texas Success Center Pathways. This next phase is designed to assist us in bringing to scale the use of Career Pathways.

I have been appointed to serve on two committees for TACC – the Legislative Committee and 60X30 Strategy Committee. This will give us a stronger voice in shaping our legislative priorities for the next legislative session.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

9/20	Legislative Committee Meeting – Austin
9/24	Utopia Superintendent Meeting
9/30	Del Rio & Comstock Superintendent Meetings
10/1	Conversation with Students – Uvalde
10/3	Uvalde Superintendent Meeting
10/8	Legislative Committee Meeting – Austin
10/8	PTK Induction – Uvalde

Other superintendent meetings will be added as they confirm dates and times.