

President's Report September 2015

Construction

Eagle Pass Academic – This project is progressing nicely. Contractor reports we are still ahead of schedule.

Eagle Pass Technical Campus – The metal on the classroom and diesel building is complete. Working on classroom interior.

Crystal City Library – We have bid recommendation for board consideration.

Partnerships

Dual Credit/Early College High School – I traveled to Castroville to meet with the new superintendent for Medina Valley ISD. We had a good conversation; he is supportive of continuing dual credit.

I also met with Dr. Jack Seals, Cotulla ISD and Gilberto Gonzales, Eagle Pass ISD.

Our staff traveled to Pearsall to meet with their superintendent and staff to discuss dual credit and community courses. We will continue to work with the ISD and find ways to develop additional course offerings in the vocational career areas.

I attended the Middle Rio Grande quarterly meeting, it was an opportunity to visit with county judges and other representatives from the nine counties that Middle Rio Grande serves.

I spoke to the Rio Grande College faculty at their convocation, provided them an update on SWTJC and our partnership with RGC.

Drove to Eagle Pass to meet with representatives from Union Pacific Rail Road and Constellation Beverages (brewery in Mexico) to discuss possible funding opportunities.

Other

Enrollment – Fall 2015, it appears that headcount is up about 2.5% from last fall and semester credit hours are up 7% after dropping students for non-payment. Both are healthy trends for the college.

We held our Welcome Back for students on all campuses; they were all well attended. I have also begun the Conversation with the President series.

Met with PTK Leadership to discuss their service project. This year they will focus on Scholarship awareness.

TACC – The organization has hired Martha Ellis as interim CEO and the search process has begun to find a permanent replacement, hopefully by January.

SACSCOC –We have submitted our Focused Report and had a conference call with our On Site Committee Chair. The On Site committee will arrive on Sunday, October 18 and conclude their work and depart on Wednesday, October 21.