

President's Report August 2013

Construction

The Del Rio Administration building is progressing nicely. We are working on securing the subcontractor for the network wiring and finalizing the office furniture list for the administration building.

Partnerships/Expansion

Eagle Pass – Architect have provided us with the first draft of a potential expansion of academic classroom, staff is still evaluating.

Crystal City –We are asking the Board to authorize the use of our architects to assist us in developing a site plan for the Crystal City Center. In addition the Economic ²⁰⁰ Development Group of Crystal City has expressed interest in donating a 50' x 100' metal building to the college to assist in bringing technical programs to the community.

Castroville –We are working on language for a memorandum of understanding for partnerships going forward. We are still working on the MOU language and will have a draft for the board to consider by the Board meeting.

Conferences/Meetings

I have begun making rounds throughout our community. My goals are to reengage SWTJC with all our regional communities and strengthen both our partnerships and relationships with each of our communities.

I will have more information to report at the board meeting for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Listening Tour that I plan to attend on Monday, August 12, 2013 in Corpus Cristi.

Other

Energy Savings – We received a rebate check from AEP in excess of \$60,000.

Truth in Taxation – At our August meeting we will present our current tax valuation and set up a calendar for Truth in Taxation requirements. We are not proposing any change in our tax rate.