

President's Report July 2013

Construction

The Del Rio Administration building is progressing nicely. All foundations have been poured and column for structural steel are in process. Project is progressing nicely. Tom Ferrell will be present to give a formal update.

Partnerships/Expansion

Eagle Pass – We have begun discussions with our architect to assist us with the development of site plan for the Eagle Pass Campus. We will report to the board throughout the project.

Crystal City – We would also like to explore the possibility of developing a technical/vocational center on our Crystal City Campus to bring programs such as welding and air conditioning and refrigeration. We believe this center will benefit Zavala county residents and will work with Crystal City ISD to help expand their technical/vocational course offerings.

Castroville – In our discussions with Medina Valley ISD, they are proposing to build a joint use facility to house their dual credit and make it available for us to offer general academics to the public. We feel this is great opportunity to for SWTJC increase its student enrollment with minimal financial investment. We are working on language for a memorandum of understanding for partnerships going forward. It is our goal to have it for your review at the August Board meeting

Conferences

This month I attended the TACC President's Annual Conference. We were updated on the recently passed legislation. We discussed the plans going forward regarding the implementation of success point funding. Mrs. Shakelford and I attended the first Two-Year Stakeholder Committee meeting at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Austin. The committee is made up of 6 trustees and 6 college presidents, Mrs. Shakelford was selected as a trustee representative. The committee discussed and set agendas for future meeting surrounding the following topics.

1. Outcome based funding
2. Strengthening collaborative relationships between community and technical colleges and the Coordinating Board
3. How to scale best practice initiatives statewide

Other

College Id – We are rolling out a new and improved student/employee identification card. This new id will allow us to better track our students attending tutoring, utilizing library services, and receiving academic advising to name a few.

Cafeteria – We have installed an upgraded cash register to better track our sales and enable us to develop more popular menus for our students. We are exploring the possibility of upgrading our snack bar line to improve the food choices and revenue stream for the cafeteria.

Energy Savings – we have noted significant drop in the consumption of electricity.

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.