

President's Report October 2013

Construction

Ferrell/Brown will provide us an update. Plan is to have Admin Building available by December 1st. We plan to use the first two weeks in December to install furniture and physically move our Admin offices during the Christmas break.

Partnerships/Expansion

Crystal City – Architects continue to work on site plan for technical programs building, wellness center and a library facility. After our last communication with the architect, we should have a rough draft by the November Board meeting.

Financing – Our staff has been working with our financial planners and bond counsel to structure a financing plan utilizing our existing cash flow. We do not anticipate the need of any new revenue to fund the proposed expansion. The financing plan is still being developed and we plan to have additional information for the November Board meeting.

Other

Developmental Education – The State has made significant changes to the placement exam. For one they have introduced a bottom score. The information we have, states that students that place below this score will not be able to enroll in developmental courses, and are to be referred to ABE. Our team is working to gain a better understanding of the implications of this change. The spring 2014 semester would be the first semester where we would have to implement the new changes. We will provide you with a more detailed report as the information becomes available.

College Rodeo 2013 – was a great success. We had an abundance of sponsors willing to assist with monetary sponsorships. Our women's team placed first and had some our men's team win individual events. As of this rodeo the women are ranked first in our region.

Deans' Forum Del Rio – We had our first Deans' Forum this month. All the Cabinet attended, provided updates and fielded questions from faculty and staff. Our next forum will be held on October 29, 2013 in Eagle Pass

Student Engagement – With the assistance of PTK, I have set up the first meeting with student on October 15, 2013.

Strategic Plan – The cabinet continues to review our current strategic plan. Once the cabinet has reviewed all the goals in our plan, we plan to hold a strategic planning retreat to seek proposed revisions to the plan. Those will be presented to the Board for consideration during the Spring of 2014.

Policy – The cabinet is working on several policy revisions. These policies are working their way through the Curriculum and Service Operations Committees. We should have them ready for Board consideration in November.

President's House – The interior work on the President's house is almost done, as of today we are scheduled to begin our move in on Friday, October 18, 2013. There are still some exterior items that need to be addressed, but they can be addressed while we live there (rotten boards, septic tank issue, fence, exterior painting. We look forward to getting settled in and begin hosting some college events there.

Conferences

I will attend the Texas Association of Community College Association (TACC) quarterly meeting in Austin on October 23-24. We will have opportunity to meet with Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Members.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will be hosting a Leadership Conference on November 21-22 in Austin. Please let me know if you are interested in attending, we can make the registration and hotel reservations for you.