

President's Report October 2014

Construction

Del Rio – We finally have the close out documents ready to process. We do have one minor change order for the board's consideration.

Eagle Pass Academic – Staff and architect have been working diligently to have plans ready for Board consideration in October. We have one pending item with the City of Eagle Pass. We are working with the city to develop an agreement to make available the parking at the International Trade Center to our students, utilize their existing retaining pond, and temporarily use their unimproved areas as staging areas for the general contractors. We have been working with them for a while now, but do not have a final agreement yet.

Eagle Pass Technical Campus – As of Friday October 10th, we own an additional 10.28 acres for the development of our Eagle Pass Technical Campus. I have excellent news to report, our estimated interest rate for the bonds was at 4.7%, after they were bid out we received a rate of 3.32%. As soon as we get the Academic project underway, we will engage our architects to assist with the remodeling of the existing structure and laying out a master plan for the development of the property.

Crystal City – The hold up has been securing a title policy for the property conveyed from the City. We expect the process to be completed in November, at that point the architects will resume with the construction plan and design for the new library.

Uvalde – AEP has begun an electrical service upgrade. This first step will increase our electrical capacity at the welding shop. The current electrical service is insufficient to operate the required number of welding units desired. Also, our staff is making progress with the renovation of the first wing of Hubbard Hall.

Partnerships

Palomino Festival – Earlier this month we received a \$25,000 check from the Uvalde Festivals and Events foundation toward the Los Palominos Scholarship. We wish to thank all the faculty, staff, and students that volunteered their time to help the event. Special thanks to Wade Carpenter and Ismael Martinez for their leadership in putting together this great scholarship event.

First State Bank – Sponsored a premier student parking for a student this semesters.

Continental Tire Proving Grounds – We entered into an agreement with the local test track to enable our Law Enforcement Academy students access to utilize the track to train for the patrol car handling portion of the course.

Other

SACSCOC – I traveled to North Florida Community College last week as an SACSCOC Onsite Observer in preparation for our compliance work. The trip was very educational, and I feel good about the work that we have done in our compliance reporting. Our team continues to meet twice a week in preparation of our documentation. Our Off-Site compliance report is due in March 2015, and our On-Site visit is scheduled for October 2015.

Conversation with President – I will be holding the second round of my conversations with the students this coming month.

Faculty Meeting – Similar to my meeting with students, I have begun meeting with faculty. I held the first meeting in Del Rio earlier this month. The meeting was successful and we are committed to improving communications at all levels.

PTK – I met with PTK leadership. They presented their options for their PTK service projects.

College Rodeo – Our college rodeo was a huge success, we would like to thank Roy and Pam Angermiller for the great job they did hosting this rodeo.

USDA – This week will be hosting the U.S. Department of Agriculture on campus for a workshop to our local agricultural providers.

Upcoming

TACC – On October 29, I will be in Austin for our TACC quarterly meeting. This is our last meeting before the next legislative session begins.

Medina Valley Higher Education Center – Our joint effort between Medina Valley ISD, SWTJC, and Rio Grande College will be hosting our open house on October 30th.