

President's Report

October 2020

Strategic Plan

Our work on the strategic plan is progressing nicely. Staff has begun reviewing our beliefs and value statements in respect to students, employees, and community. As we continue to examine our current statements and develop recommendations for changes we will solicit input from focus groups then submit to the board for additional comments/changes and approval. The goal is to work on Mission Statement, Vision Statement, conduct a Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat (SWOT) analysis to help inform our strategic objectives.

Debates

We believe the Meet the Candidate/Debate series was a positive event. We had good participation, several candidates were unable to attend due to schedule conflicts. The KSAT debate was great, KSAT was very pleased with college and staff, said our team was phenomenal! I would like to thank President Pete Gallego, Vice President Robert Munoz, Sul Ross State University for their jointly hosting all our meet the candidates and the debate. A big thank you to both campaign teams, Gina Ortiz Jones and Tony Gonzales for agreeing to bring the debate to the heart of Texas Congressional District 23.

Covid-19

We continue to experience staff members test positive for covid-19; however, none to this point have been acquired at the college. We continue to improve our mitigation protocols and audit procedures to make sure they are being followed. The latest involved Lineman, Wildlife programs we transitioned them to remote learning for 2-week period. Each technical program is in effect functioning as its own bubble, where actions in one program will not necessarily impact other programs. In addition, we had staff from Crystal City and Financial Aid office in Uvalde test positive – no evidence of any spread on campus.

Flu Shot

SWTJC hosted a drive thru flu shot for students and employees on October 5th from 11am to 2pm. It was at no cost for those with insurance and \$25 for those without insurance.

Del Rio Roofs

Alamo Public adjusters are finishing up their work on the claim estimate and will begin negotiation with TASB. We are hopeful that the claim will be revised significantly

College Rodeo

We hosted the college rodeo on October 2-3. This is the 2nd rodeo in the fall semester. No spectators were allowed and protocols established for contestants, coaches, and judges. The rodeo was a success and no incidents were reported.

Bond Restructure

We have received information from our financial advisor that restructuring our current outstanding bonds would achieve the following:

20-year restructure would produce \$5 million for maintenance projects at no annual debt service increase or free up \$370,000 in annual debt service with no additional funds for projects. This scenario pushes out our debt service 6 years

25-year restructure would produce \$7 million for maintenance projects at no annual debt service increase or free up \$525,000 in annual debt service with no additional funds for projects. This scenario pushes out our debt service 11 years.

The cost of reissuance is estimated between \$100k-\$150k

We are in the process of developing a cost estimate to determine the cost of major deferred maintenance projects (additional roofs that need replacement, finish the update/remodel of dorms, electrical infrastructure, paving, ADA projects) that would be candidates for these additional funds.

Will continue to refine the amounts and will have a formal presentation to the board in the future.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

10/13-30	Early Voting for November 3 election
10/15	October Board Meeting
11/2	First day to register for Spring 2021 Term
11/3	General Election Day
11/19	November Board Meeting
11/25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
12/15	Offices close for Christmas Break