

President's Report October 2022

Maintenance

Modular building – Contractor was begun work on the sidewalks and curbs. Our crew are continuing to work on decks and electrical connections. We are still waiting for the AEP transformers.

The Witt building HVAC upgrade is continuing to move forward and still pending AEP transformer

Gym roof is complete, and all the roof top ac units have been reconnected. Gym is open for use.

Building C – Eagle Pass has begun and moving ahead quickly. It is almost complete.

Finance

I have attached a draft document of the recommendations from the Texas Commission on Community College Finance. In essence the reports recommends:

- Develop a finance model that shifts from contact hours to measurable outcomes as the funding driver
- Ensure community colleges with low tax valuations across the state can access foundational level of funding for instruction and operations
- Increase funding for State financial aid – Texas Educational Opportunity Grants
- Provide financial aid to cover dual credit tuition and fees for economically disadvantaged students
- Expand partnerships for paid work-based learning opportunities
- Provide seed grants for programs in high-demand fields to help startup programs
- Support additional opportunities for shared services

We are encouraged by these draft recommendations. Community College finance has remained virtually unchanged for 50 years.

Other

Sul Ross – As I informed the board via an interim update, Sul Ross has announced to make plans for a downward expansion as they move forward with their building in Eagle Pass. They will introduce a bill to the Legislature for permission to downward expand. There are not many details available from them. We will continue to monitor and respond accordingly.

Lockdown Drill – We conducted an institution-wide lockdown drill in September. The drill allowed us to practice and use new technology, mass phone notification, Smart board

classroom alerts among others. Mr. Sandoval will provide a detailed assessment of the results in closed session as allowed by law.

College Rodeo – We hosted our 60th annual College Rodeo this past weekend. This year’s rodeo was dedicated to children and teachers murdered at Robb elementary as well those that were injured and survived.

Conversation with Students – This is the month to have my informal meetings with students on each campus. Uvalde was this past week with the other campuses later this month. The Uvalde session was well attended, and students asked many questions. They are wanting more activities, more menu options in cafeteria, additional picnic tables, an outdoor basketball/volleyball court among other items. We are working to try to accommodate their requests.

Law Enforcement Academy – We requested a third-party review of our academy curriculum and processes. That was concluded in September, a copy of the report is attached. Also, we are working on a proposal to build a live fire training facility to offer regional active shooter training on our campus. We have been in conversation with Congressman Gonzales’ office to help facilitate funding for this proposal. The intent is to have a model of classroom/office scenario for realistic training, with training provided by the State’s ALERT instructors.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

10/19	TACC Quarterly Presidents’ Meeting
10/20	October Board Meeting
11/9	Meeting with Commission Keller (THECB) at Del Mar
11/17	November Board Meeting
11/19	Turkey Trot
11/23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
11/29	Christmas at the College