

President's Report April 2014

Construction

Ferrell/Brown will provide us a formal update at the meeting. Construction on the Del Rio Campus is wrapping up. We are finalizing our furniture request and waiting for May Graduation to move our portable building to finish up the parking area in front of the Admin. Building.

Future Expansion

Eagle Pass – We have narrowed down the site layout for the Eagle Pass Campus. We will be requesting Board approval on the site location and layout for the new construction. If board approves the project site/layout, the architect will begin the design phase.

Crystal City – We are working with Crystal City ISD to repurpose an existing ISD facility into a joint use welding lab. Once we move further along with that project, we will proceed with the installation of the metal building donated by Crystal City for a HVAC lab and wellness center. Architect will resume the planning for the Library Resource Center for our Crystal City Campus. We anticipate to make a presentation to their City Council in May.

Partnerships/Community

The SWTJC Friends and Alumni Network (FAN) Gala was held on April 5. I want to thank the board for their attendance. The Gala was a huge success and we have received lots of positive feedback from those in attendance, especially our business partners.

Other

Strategic Plan – Your Board packets include a review of our current Strategic Plan 2011-2015. We have prepared an executive summary of our work with detailed explanation and statistics for each goal. As the next step we would like to present in April, modification for plan going forward, resulting in Strategic Plan 2014-2019 that would carry us for the next five years.

Policy – It is time for the annual TASB Policy update. At the April Board Meeting, we will provide you with a binder including all the policy changes and updates prescribed by

TASB. We will schedule the board action on it for the May Board meeting. This gives the Board a month to review the policy changes.

Conferences – Last month we had a visit from our Achieving the Dream coaches, I have included a email from them that summarizes the results of their visit.

Dr. Rivera and I traveled to the Trustee Institute in New Mexico. This was an excellent workshop and I highly recommend that every board member have an opportunity to attend it in the future. I have information from the workshop, but equally important were the discussion and round table sessions we attended.

Retirements – Well what can I say, two of our senior leadership team members are retiring this year. Richard Whipple, Associate VP Institutional Advancement and Blaine Bennett, Vice President of Student Services, both individuals provided a tremendous service to this institution and they will be missed. I will discuss, the continued reorganization plan with the board during the meeting.