

President's Report July 2014

Construction

Del Rio – Contractor has begun the final parking lot improvements, scheduled to finish by Sept. 5. We are tentatively scheduling our Del Rio Open House for September 19, 2014.

Eagle Pass – Staff and architects continue working on the details for the Eagle Pass project.

Crystal City – Our architects, staff, and civil engineers have been working with City staff to finalize the surveys and documents needed for the conveyance to occur. We are moving forward with the design of the building.

Uvalde – We have taken offline one wing of Hubbard hall to begin the major remodel to the existing dorm rooms.

Partnerships

HB5 – Our faculty and staff along with our area high schools met to develop the mandated remediation courses for high school seniors. We are also working with various school districts to expand their dual credit technical course offerings. We have attached a separate report regarding HB5.

4H Leadership Conference – Conference was a huge success. See attached letter from District 12 4H.

Del Rio San Felipe – Met with Dr. Rios, Supt., and discussed current and future collaboration between the school district and the college.

Other

Summer II Enrollment - Our unofficial enrollment totals for Summer II indicate about a 10% increase in credit hours from last year. We expect these numbers to decrease slightly after nonpayment students are dropped from the official rolls.

Vacation – I took a week vacation from July 1 – 8.

Conference – I attended the annual presidents' conference on July 9-12. The association finalized the 5 Point Legislative Plan and the \$2 billion funding request for the next biennium. Our base year begins with these summer terms, including next fall and spring. Next legislative session begins January 2015. Also July 20-23 a team will attend the SACSCOC Summer conference. We continue to work on our SACSCOC Accreditation report (due Spring 2015).

House Bill 5 – Update

July 17, 2014

Three committees were created to address House Bill 5 requirements for college readiness at the secondary level. The purpose was to locally develop courses to provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate college readiness in math and/or ELA (English Language Arts) so they are able to begin as freshman without remedial or developmental courses. The committees consisted of:

- ELA (English/Language Arts) committee- developed reading/writing course curriculum
- Math committee- developed math course curriculum
- Operational committee- developed the Partnership Agreement between area high schools and SWTJC regarding the courses, who will teach them, what grades and assessment will determine successful completion, etc.

All committees had representation from large, medium and small districts. Representation included Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Uvalde, Medina Valley, Knippa, Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, Dilley and Natalia. One or more of the committees met on our campus on March 18th, March 21st (Region 20 representative), April 10th, April 22nd, May 13th, May 20th, June 11th. On June 19th SWTJC hosted a House Bill 5 informational meeting for all districts. The DRAFT Partnership Agreement was presented along with open discussions about the overall process of course implementation and the responsibilities that both secondary and SWTJC will have.

On August 11th and 12th SWTJC will provide professional development for high school instructors teaching the college readiness courses.

OTHER HOUSE BILL 5 INITIATIVES

Enhance technical/career education opportunities for High School students.

CNA Program at Uvalde, Crystal City, Dilley; awaiting decision from Carrizo, Medina Valley, Cotulla, and Pearsall

EMT Program at Del Rio in discussion phase.

Welding Partnership Agreements with Uvalde, Del Rio; Crystal City and Cotulla pending

Discussion of Early College High School, including Early College Technical High School at Del Rio

Discussion with Laughlin AFB officials, SFDRCSISD Officials, and representative from Congressman Gallego's office concerning development of Aviation Technician program in Del Rio.

Discussion with VT Aerospace representatives, Hondo City officials, Hondo ISD officials, and FAA regional inspector concerning development of Aviation Technician program in Hondo.

Preliminary investigation into Oil/Gas Local Articulation arrangement with Eagle Pass ISD.

Subject: District 12 4-H Leadership Lab and Election Convention

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Dear Dr. Gonzales:

On behalf of the Extension Agents in District 12(West Cluster-Event Planning Committee), 4-H parents and volunteers, I want to take this opportunity to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude to you and your staff for hosting us last week, for our 2014 District 12 4-H leadership lab and election convention. In terms of attendance this was the largest 4-H leadership lab we have had in a very long time.

Your staff from maintenance and food service, to coordinators and directors they were ALL very accommodating to insure that our stay would be an enjoyable one. Individuals like Dean Barker, Oscar Garcia, Michelle Torres, Margot Mata and others gave us the impression that they were willing to go out of their way to make this event possible, and they did. Please be assured that those that attended enjoyed the hospitality, accommodations and services provided to them. They all enjoyed their stay on campus very much.

Finally I want to thank you for your generosity in providing the scholarships to the District 12 4-H program. In consultation with our district 4-H Specialist and district administrator we will develop a selection criteria soon and provide this scholarship opportunity to the 4-H members of district 12 so that those selected can begin their higher education experience at your institution.

Again thank you and your staff for hosting us and for making the 2014 District 12 4-H leadership lab and election convention a memorable one, and one that surpassed all of our expectations.

Sincerely,

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