

President's Report March 2014

Construction

Ferrell/Brown will provide us a formal update at the meeting. Construction on the Del Rio Campus is wrapping up. We have officially moved into the new Administration Building. Work continues to wrap up final details on the classroom building.

Future Expansion

As of this Thursday we received the proceeds from our bond sale and monies will be invested in cd's until we finalize the plans for Eagle Pass and Crystal City.

Crystal City – No new developments for Crystal City. We had planned for the architect to be down to visit the site; however, he had to reschedule due to a family emergency.

Eagle Pass – We continue to refine the plans for Eagle Pass. A major concern on this project is the availability of parking spaces after construction. We are looking at the option of a multi-story building to try to conserve as much parking as possible.



Partnerships/Community

We are hosting Angelo State University on our Del Rio & Eagle Pass Campuses next week. We are signing articulation agreements to strengthen our pre engineering programs and offering more opportunities to our engineering students.

Several college administrators attended the UCISD strategic planning session and volunteered to assist the district through this process.

I made a presentation to the Uvalde Rotary club, updating them on activities of SWTJC.

Other

Strategic Plan –We should be in a position to have a report with requested modifications by the April Board meeting.

Policy – The cabinet has worked on several policy revisions. We have several policy revisions and updates for the board's consideration at the March meeting. As a part of our preparation for SACS-COC accreditation review we are reviewing our policy. Most of the changes are due to title changes.

Conferences – We had a team of SWTJC attend the Achieving the Dream Conference hosted by Lumina. We presented three different sessions on the accomplishments and successes of SWTJC due in part to our work on Achieving the Dream. Next week, we have a visit from our ATD coaches.

Next week Dr. Rivera and I will travel to the Trustee Institute in New Mexico. Will report back next month on what we learned.

Students – This month, I began the second round of conversation with the president. This is where students can visit with me informally and voice issues and concerns they have about the college.