

President's Report April 2016

Construction

Eagle Pass Technical Campus – As of April 14, interior ventilation exhaust in welding shop complete, parking lot is about to be paved. Should be ready to move in soon. Our plan is to move Workforce Training offices as soon as building is ready. Diesel and Welding programs will be set up during the summer for Fall classes. Truck Driving Program should transition as soon as building is ready.

Crystal City Library – Materials for the utility work should be on site, with commitments from the City staff to begin as soon as material arrives. Once utility work is complete, we will schedule a ground breaking ceremony.

Partnerships

Dual Credit/Early College High School –

- We hosted an Early College High School meeting on campus (Knippa/Dilley/Del Rio) were in attendance. We committed to hosting additional meetings in order to provide an avenue for them to share best practices.

Other

Electricity – We have received the modification plans from mechanical engineer on the Uvalde welding shop electrical upgrade to connect exhaust system – we will be able to do the work in house, approximately \$10,000.

Operating Budget – 2016-2017 budgets have been submitted to Vice Presidents. They are in the process of reviewing them. We will try to have draft budget available for the Board at the May Board meeting.

Graduation Ceremony – Reminder that Graduation is set for May 14th, Senator Carlos Uresti has agreed to be our commencement speaker. Our plans are the same as last year (at Honey Bowl with Gym as back up for inclement weather) a short reception at the Honey Bowl.

Events

- President's Gala was a huge success, raised \$27,000 for scholarships up from last year's amount of \$23,000. After visiting with most attendees – everyone was very pleased with the event and with work that SWTJC is doing.
- Dr. Watkins and I attended the CCATT – South Regional meeting in Laredo earlier this month. THECB provided an update on 60 X 30 State Strategic Plan for higher education. 60% of Texans between 18-34 will have a higher education credential by

2030. Our goal in support of this plan is to increase our graduates from 1009 to 1250 by 2017.

- We held our annual Grilling with President BBQ Cook-off on April 14, it had been rescheduled due to bad weather back in March. Over 20 teams competed and students had a great time with staff/faculty engagement throughout the event.
- From our Workforce Training we are holding two additional courses – Line Man and Heavy Equipment Operator both out of Uvalde.
- We are expecting a visit from our Achieving the Dream coaches later this month.
- Administrative Professional Day will held on April 27 to honor our administrative professionals