

President's Report

April 2019

Legislative

The Senate Finance Committee has voted out their budget and the full Senate has approved. As expected both the House and Senate budget bill differ so a conference committee will be appointed to reconcile the difference. Not sure on the timing of that occurring. In the House Budget, SWTJC would receive approximately \$17 million in State Appropriations over the biennium. In the Senate Budget, we would receive approximately \$16.8 million over the biennium. A difference of about \$200,000. The Senate has indicated that a budget rider was sent to Article 11 (holding place if additional monies becomes available during conference committee, that would supplement small colleges with an additional \$1 million for the biennium.

On the Property Tax Reform bills, the House has yet to vote out of committee their version. We will keep you posted as that develops.

Partnerships

Met with the new Executive Director for the Workforce Board, Richard Zamarripa. We discussed the partnership between both institutions.

Other

Included in your packets are the Board approved instruments for the Board Self Evaluation. Please fill them out and return them to Mrs. Nita Reed to compile for our May Board meeting.

Met with the other 14 colleges included in a potential supplemental budget rider on 3/22 via conference call.

Attended Legislative Committee Meeting on 3/25 via conference call.

We had site visits from our Title V Grant evaluators as well as Carl Perkins Grant evaluators. Both reviews went well. During early May, we will have a site visit from the Department of Agriculture regarding the Federal Food Program at our Day Care.

Attended conversation with students on both Eagle Pass and Del Rio campus.

The President's Gala hosted by SWTJC Friends and Alumni was a great success. Many thanks to Wade Carpenter, Ismael and Savannah Martinez and all the others that worked behind the scenes to put this event together. Senator Flores shared a few words about this legislative session and has been very supportive to our requests.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

4/19	Closed for Good Friday
4/23	Administrative Professional Day
4/24-26	Texas Pathways Institute #6
4/26	ADN Pinning Ceremony
4/30	Student-Faculty Softball Game
5/16	Rad Tech Banquet
5/16	May Board Meeting
5/17	College of Liberal Arts Commencement Ceremony
5/18	College of Applied Science Commencement Ceremony