

District President's Student Roundtable

March 21, 2023

Held Virtually over Zoom

Dr. Sparks welcomed everyone, reviewed the ground rules, reviewed how issues are addressed, and began student and staff introductions. The student concerns are sent to the appropriate areas to be addressed and then presented to our students at the next President's Student Round Table.

DISCUSSION NOTES	Assigned Response
SWCD INTERPRETING PROGRAM	
<p>Concern was expressed about the low enrollment of the Interpreter Training Program</p> <p><i>Response: Jeff Anderson will meet with Teresa Minchew, Coordinator of the ITP, and John Green, Director of Outreach, to discuss ideas on recruiting students to the ITP. Recruiting efforts will be focused within the local area (Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo).</i></p>	<p>Danny Campbell Jeff Anderson</p>
SWCD	
<p>Need to recruit faculty to fill vacancies; this would benefit the IT students to be able to interpret different teaching styles.</p> <p>Dr. Sparks commented on the funding challenges. We continue to communicate with legislators and work hard to improve funding. Dr. Sparks went on to explain how funding is works with the state.</p> <p><i>Response: Jeff Anderson and Danny Campbell are working on recruiting faculty to fill in vacancies. Job openings are posted on the HC website.</i></p>	<p>Danny Campbell Jeff Anderson</p>
ONLINE LEARNING	
<p>Sometimes faculty do not submit grades on time. I'm still required to submit assignments on time. I'm not sure if I'm passing.</p> <p>Student said they could not open the Blackboard training/orientation. She had trouble accessing/opening tests in the training.</p> <p><i>Response: There was an error on one test that kept it from opening at the beginning of the semester. The orientation will take place in Ultra in the future, so it shouldn't happen again. eLearning will be adding an FAQ section to the orientation with information about expectations for grading, so students know the expectations and what to do if something doesn't happen.</i></p>	<p>Luci Gabehart, Lanna Hubbard, and Jenee' Higgins</p>

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FACILITIES	
<p>SW: Interpreter Training classroom has a leak; facility upgrades are needed</p> <p><i>Response: Fabian Serrano visited with Julian Franco to address the roof stain from the leak. Upgrades to the Administration Building were discussed during the Data Summit (March 31, 2023) and will be added to the college's deferred maintenance list to begin developing a plan.</i></p>	Fabian Serrano
LIBRARY SERVICES	
<p>I spend a lot of money on copies; For example, in music he gave tests over an electronic book. I had to make copies in order to find the appropriate material because it was too difficult to look back on the computer.</p> <p><i>Response: We are working to find printing and copying solutions for students.</i></p>	Amy Burchett
TUTORING AND TESTING SERVICES	
<p>Dr. Sparks asked about satisfaction with tutoring and testing services.</p> <p>BS: A student asked about how it works/services after 5? They were told that tutoring could be arranged after 5 but they need to call and schedule it.</p> <p>SW: It's working well; students are able to get the help they need</p>	
DINING HALL	
<p>BS: I am gluten-free and need options (not on meal plan). SW: I know of a friend that had the same concern at SW.</p> <p><i>Response: Students should speak with the food service director and let them know of any dietary restrictions. They may also come to Shannon Creswell with SWCD or Christi Mikeska on the Big Spring campus to talk with the food service director.</i></p>	Christi Mikeska
DORMS, BIG SPRING	
<p>Air conditioner filters need to be changed more frequently due to the amount of dust that accumulates.</p> <p><i>Response: Maintenance sets a schedule for changing the air filters on a regular basis. If the student has a specific concern with their filter, they should discuss the concern with the CRE.</i></p> <p>Foosball table in men's dorm needs to be fixed and placed where students can utilize it. Students enjoy hanging out in the lobby playing the games. Need more recreational activities for the dorm since we are there a large amount of time.</p>	Christi Mikeska

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<p><i>Response: The residence halls will budget for outside games/picnic tables and a new air hockey table for next year.</i></p> <p>Thermostats don't seem to work adequately; some rooms are too hot. Dr. Sparks encouraged student to tell others to submit work orders with the dorm staff.</p> <p><i>Response: Students should submit maintenance requests if their air conditioner or heater is not working properly. CREs are reminded to review all maintenance requests and enter them accordingly.</i></p>	
Financial Aid	
The staff do a great job of helping students.	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
The staff have been very helpful.	
SAFETY AND SECURITY	
<p>Overall students feel safe. One student expressed the fact that we have to be careful no matter where we go.</p> <p>Some expressed concern over some dead spots in lighting across campus on the BS site.</p> <p><i>Response: The facilities department needs more information on which areas need additional lighting. Students on the Big Spring campus mentioned it is dark walking from the Fitness Center to the parking lot between Old Main and Horace Garrett Building, so we are looking to add a light pole with LED fixtures to address this area.</i></p>	Fabian Serrano
STUDENT SERVICES	
SWCD events: my aunt talked about social events and organizations that happened years ago; it would be good to have those again.	
8-WEEK CLASS SCHEDULE	
Dr. Sparks asked if there were concerns about the 8-week class schedule. She discussed benefits, what to expect, etc.	

Student Participants

Name	Major/Program	Organization
Cori Sparks	ASL/Interpreting	
Julian Riefkohl	/	Diplomat
September Henderson		