


PRESIDENTIAL STUDENT FORUM  
 HOWARD COLLEGE SAN ANGELO STUDENTS  
 March 5, 2018, 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Sparks welcomed the students and introductions were made. She shared that a student roundtable is held on every campus in the fall and spring semesters. We try to keep the forum to one hour, review the items/concerns from the previous forum, and items that are shared today will be reviewed by the appropriate department for a response. Responses, of which some may only be an interim response, are normally worked within 30 days. Responses are sent out to be shared and posted to the web page too. Dr. Sparks explained that we want you to be comfortable about sharing information as you are part of the team. We want to make things better while you are here and for future students. This is part of our continuous quality improvement cycle. We welcome constructive criticism on the college's processes and procedures. However, the open forum is not a time to talk about a specific individual whether it be a faculty or staff member or another student. This would be considered a personal matter to be handled on a one-on-one basis for confidentiality. Dr. Sparks then reviewed the fall 2017 items; followed by students sharing their concerns/suggestion/comments.

Student attendance is on file in the San Angelo Administrative Dean for Instruction and Student Services office.

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS	RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN
<b>GENERAL</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SGA representatives and other students in attendance noted that they have not had any students ask to share any concerns; lots of good comments though</li> </ul>	No further action
<b>FACILITIES/STUDENT SERVICES</b>	
Stripping and waxing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The floors in the Cosmetology lab need to be stripped and waxed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean Callan shared that the Facilities Department does schedule a time to strip and wax the floors in the Cosmetology lab when classes are not in session. Facilities department will be asked about the schedule.</li> <li>Stripping and waxing of the floors in Cosmetology has been scheduled for a week in May or early June after graduation when there are no classes. It takes a minimum of three days to strip and wax the lab only.</li> </ul>
<b>Microwaves in Student Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not working well; could they be replaced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The microwave ovens were tested according to recommended procedures on-line to find the wattage. Steve and Donna tested both microwaves with a cup of cold water. The</li> </ul>

	<p>microwave on the right boiled the water in around 2 minutes 15 seconds so is considered to be around 800 watts. It is working properly. The microwave on the left boiled the water in around 1 minute 40 seconds so is considered to be around 1100 watts. It is also working properly. A label will be placed on each microwave showing the wattage. Food cook time will need to be adjusted according to the food package label and the wattage of the microwave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From Epicurious.com website: To find an approximation of your machine's wattage, fill a microwave-safe liquid measuring cup with 1 cup cold water. Microwave on High and keep an eye on it, noting how long it takes for the water to come to a boil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 1/2 minutes: 1,200 watts</li> <li>2 minutes: 1,000 watts</li> <li>2 1/2 minutes: 800 watts</li> <li>3 minutes: 700 watts</li> <li>4 minutes: 600 watts</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Armed with that info, you can adjust your microwave's power level—or cooking time to suit the wattage that's specified in your recipe of choice.</p>
<b>CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION</b>	
<p>Cosmetology Cleaning Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New mops and buckets are needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean Callan is checking with the Cosmetology Program Co-Chair about the order status of new mops and buckets for the lab</li> <li>Cosmetology purchased new mops and will continue to keep supplies current.</li> </ul>
<p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blackboard App not working on phones—no updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's likely that the student(s) is still using the former "Mobile Learn" app. Between last fall and this spring semesters, HC upgraded its system so that students could use the new app called "Blackboard Student." It was understood that the Mobile Learn app would alert/direct them to the new app. The logo for the new app is shown here as a reference. </li> </ul>

- Attached is a brief pdf explaining the new app. Blackboard admin has sent emails and posted announcements through the HC system alerting students to this new app. Blackboard tech support recently tested our new app and reported that it's working properly. Should students have issues with any of HC's Blackboard-related products, please direct them to contact the Blackboard help desk by emailing [blackboard.hc@gmail.com](mailto:blackboard.hc@gmail.com) or have them call/text 432-698-0618. This information is also on the Blackboard login page. Below is a barcode which when scanned, will direct students to the new app's download site.





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#### **First Time User Experience.**

The first time user experience provides an introduction to Bb Student. It provides a brief overview of the feature set and showcases the user experience developed to help expedite workflows for students and directs them to the content they need the most.

#### **Navigation.**

Students can easily access updates from their activity stream, view course content, and quickly access all of their grades because we've categorized and grouped the most relevant features for students in one place. They can navigate between their activity stream, courses, and grades as well as view notification badges based on course updates and school announcements.

#### **Activity Stream.**

The majority of the time students spend in Bb Student will be spent on the activity stream, the home screen. It represents a "smart view" of prioritized events and actions, and pushes content to the student. We'll do the heavy lifting by helping students prioritize their work so they can spend their time on the thing that matters the most, learning.

#### **Course Timeline.**

The course timeline provides students with a visual representation of their courses - past, present, and future. Courses are grouped by term and year with relevant course information displaying such as instructor name, course title, location, and hours.

#### **Collaborate.**

Engage in real-time video conferencing to collaborate with video, voice, files, chat, and interactive whiteboard on the go.

#### **Course Outline.**

This provides students with a familiar way of exploring content, quickly accessing information, and identifying the main materials that they need to focus on. Content presentation is simple, clean, and straightforward.

#### **Assignments and Tests.**

Integrated into the fabric of the course experience, students are able to view, complete, and submit assignments and tests, extending student engagement and learning beyond the classroom.

#### **Grades.**

Bb Student provides real-time access to grades in a comprehensive and highly approachable, format which enables students to quickly identify their academic results and progress in a given class or assignment.

#### **Connecting Cloud Content.**

Use your cloud-connected accounts including Google Drive, Dropbox, and OneDrive to easily submit cloud content for class assignments.

#### **Discussions.**

Participate in discussions from anywhere via a mobile device. Students can create new discussion threads, browse and read posts from others, and craft a response.

#### **Push Notifications.**

Bb Student will keep students up to date and let them know when a test is coming up or an assignment is overdue. Bb Student will also send notifications when new grades are posted.

### **Get Started with Bb Student Today! Requirements:**

- Blackboard Learn 9.1 versions Q4 2015, Q2 2016, Q4 2016, or Blackboard Learn SaaS
- Blackboard recommends using version 94.9.1+ of the Mobile Web Services building block to ensure the best experience
- The Mobile Web Services building block must be activated and registered with the Mobile Central Service
- A mobile license or any Learn solution bundle
- iOS 8+
- Android 4.0.3+
- Windows 10+

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