

PRESIDENTIAL STUDENT FORUM
SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF STUDENTS
MARCH 1, 2019, 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Sparks welcomed the group and shared that we have been doing the student roundtables/forum for many years at each site. We try to keep the forum to one hour and review the items/concerns from the prior forum succinctly based on previous forum feedback. The focal point of the hour is to give you time to share your suggestions/concerns. We do not want you to feel intimidated or uncomfortable about sharing something that needs improvement, we welcome constructive criticism. Comments/suggestions provided today are sent to the appropriate department for a response. Responses are normally worked within 30 days; however, some may only be an interim response. Responses are sent out and posted to the web page too. 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. For confidentiality, personal matters are handled on a one-on-one basis through other avenues.

Student attendance is on file in the SWCID Dean of Student Services office.

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS	RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN
GENERAL	
*Nancy Bonura, Dean of Student Services/Co-Administrative Dean showed PowerPoint from Student Roundtable held March 1, 2019.	Dr. Sparks addressed all issues.
Dr. Sparks asked students by a show of hands if they were in favor of the name change to SWCD.	Students were unanimous in their response.
FACILITIES/STUDENT SERVICES	
Dorms * New Washers/Dryers are needed, add two more of each. * Need storage added for international students to have a place to store their things during summer. * Would like to have transportation to/from airport. * Would like a little kitchen placed in dorm lobby. * Would like to have fundraisers to help with projects.	* This will be added to budget for 2019-2020. This is in our five year goal plan at SWCID. * This will be discussed with Student Services staff to get this done. * This will be discussed with Student Services staff to get this done. * Will meet with maintenance staff and Student Services staff to see what cost would be.
Cafeteria * Would like to see more cafeteria staff learn to sign.	* Will talk with, Mindy Tucker, Manager of Great Western Dining.
Athletics	
*Students would like to see more sports offered, soccer and football.	* Will be working with Roderica Johnson, Athletic Director/Coach.
*Would like for locker rooms to be updated.	* Coach Johnson will look at cost to do this.
* Would like SWCID logo painted on gym floor	*Coach Johnson will get cost to do this.
SWCID Lobbies	
* Lobbies need to be made more homey/inviting.	*CRE's and Co-Administrative Dean of Student Services, Nancy Bonura, will work on this.

Safety	
*Would like to see more lighting around SWCID.	*This will be added to budget for 2019-2020. This is in our five year goal plan at SWCID.
Scholarships	
*Would like SGA officers to receive scholarships again.	*Co-Administrative Dean of Student Services, Nancy Bonura will be working on this for Fall 2019.
Activities	
*Students would like to have Howard College students attend SWCID activities.	*SGA officers and Co-Administrative Dean of Student Services, Nancy Bonura will work on this.
*Students would like to see more deaf culture events in the community. * Would like for Howard College student eat at SWCID cafeteria.	*Co-Administrative Dean of Student Services, Nancy Bonura, will talk with deaf community. * Co-Administrative Dean of Student Services, Nancy Bonura, will work with Dean of Student Services, Christi Mikeska at Howard College.
Tutoring Center	
* Need more tutors for a variety of specific topics.	*Will work with Co-Administrative Dean of Instruction, Danny Campbell, to see what can be offered.
Signage/Direction	
* Make signage around SWCID larger so it's easier to read. * Contact Google to fix their maps as it take visitors to federal prison instead of SWCID. * SWCID flags need to show new name and logo when changed. * Would like to see flags at SWCID representing international countries that our international students are from.	*This is part of our five year goal plan at SWCID. *Will contact Google, they schedule map updates every two years, this should be year for update. *This will be redone at time of name change. *Co-Administrative Dean of Student Services, Nancy Bonura, will have this done when new name is approved. *Co-Administrative Dean of Student Services, Nancy Bonura, will work on this.
Academics	
* ITP programs need to be updated with new backgrounds in the labs for recording. * Would like to see more ASL courses taught at SWCID.	*Will have Co-Administrative Dean of Instruction, Danny Campbell talk with ITP instructors to see what can be done to correct this. * Will work with Co-Administrative Dean of Instruction, Danny Campbell on this.