

**Lamesa Presidential Student Roundtable
February 22, 2022**

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Dr. Sparks welcomed everyone, reviewed the ground rules. Dr. Sparks went over the Fall 2021 student review. Dr. Sparks encouraged all students to look over the review. The student concerns from today are sent to the appropriate areas to be addressed.

The President's Student Round Table has been implemented for over two decades now, and the purpose behind this is to discover how Howard College can serve our students better. To get specific input from our Lamesa students, we implemented an onsite Roundtable.

STUDENT CONCERNS	Assigned
Updates from Dr. Sparks	
Dr. Sparks explained the process of this year's Lamesa Student Forum. First, Dr. Sparks asked the students to introduce themselves and told them there would be two sections we would talk about here today. The first section is about what we could do to improve your current experiences and get the student's perspective, and we want to hear from you. Next, Dr. Sparks went over some of the concerns students brought up in the Fall 2021 President's Roundtable and said how those concerns were resolved.	
Dr. Sparks speaks about review for the vending machine.	
Dr. Sparks stated that in the fall students wanted vending machines. The response to the vending machine is Steve Smith will request a proposal on March 11 th for all campuses. The current vending company has increased prices because of expired food. Suggestions for snacks for students would be the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Government Association could provide snacks and see which snacks students would purchase. Then the money could be used to raise money for SGA. • The snacks could be added to the budget of student activities and could be given to the students. 	
Question from Monica to students:	
Concerning the vending machine options which option would you prefer?	
Student response:	
Student stated that the idea of purchasing the snacks and start small to see what snacks students like and don't like is a good idea.	Mary Ann Bara Monica Castro
Student response:	
Student stated the idea of the SGA purchasing snacks is a good idea. It will be a good way to see what students will buy and we don't have to worry about food expiring. RESPONSE: Mary Ann Bara and Monica Castro The snacks have been identified and will be purchased and set up in the office for students to purchase by the end of April.	Mary Ann Bara Monica Castro
Question from Dr. Sparks to students:	
What dreams would you have for the Lamesa campus?	
Student's response:	
The chance to expand more. It's a small campus but it has a big impact on the community.	
Student's response:	

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I think Lamesa campus gives a start for people not just young people but older people. Like the G.E.D. classes people in the community get another chance to get their education. I think without the Lamesa campus people in the community would struggle more to get their education. So, expanding more would benefit the community of Lamesa.	
Student's Question:	
Students asked Does the main campus in Big Spring do they have sports teams?	
Dr. Sparks response:	
Yes.	
Student responses:	
I think what a good idea would be to have a fan bus to go to games. It feels like the campus are separate.	
Monica's response:	
Monica stated that there are funds available to bus students to games or an event on the Big Spring campus. We need to have enough students interested in going in order to bus students to Big Spring. RESPONSE: Monica Castro A list of events for the Big Spring campus was circulated and students were asked to sign up. Students did not express an interest in attending any of the events. Big Spring events will be highlighted, and trips planned if enough interest is shown.	Monica Castro
Student response:	
I have brought up in the SGA meetings that we could carpool to events and games. No students have shown interest.	
Student Concerns:	
The communication between campuses about events could be better. There isn't much communication between here and the other student body. RESPONSE: Monica Castro Katie Creswell, Student Life Coordinator has started sending the monthly activities calendar for Big Spring. They will be printed and posted around campus.	Monica Castro
Student Concerns: Suggestion box	
Could we get hot water? Monica response: When the bathrooms were remodeled, they turned off the hot water because of issues. We can have a plumber come out and look at it and address the concern to the Judge. UPDATED RESPONSE: Monica Castro A new water heater has been installed.	Monica Castro
Student responses: Suggestion box	
Parking is scary and gives me anxiety. Could the parking lot be bigger?	Monica Castro

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Multiple students agreed asking if the parking lot could be bigger.	
Dr. Sparks response:	
Students can park on the county side after 5:00 PM but not on their entrance.	
Monica stated that she would talk to Norma at the appraisal to see if students could park more in the parking area.	Monica Castro
RESPONSE: Monica Castro Have spoken with Norma Brock at the Central Appraisal District (CAD) and she confirmed that parking during the day is usually not a problem, but students can park anywhere during the day that is not designated for the Central Appraisal District (CAD). After 5:00 pm, students can park anywhere, including the CAD parking spots.	
Student's concern:	
If we could have a picnic table out in the front?	Monica Castro
RESPONSE: Monica Castro An outside space for a picnic table is not available next to the building without getting rid of parking spaces. Did not want to place a table on the front lawn due to proximity to heavy traffic.	
Student concern:	
People sit there and leave their trash on the floor. Could we have a trash can by the bench?	Monica Castro
RESPONSE: Monica Castro Concrete work will be done on the bench and a permanent trash can will be put on the concrete at that time to make sure it does not blow away.	
Student's comment:	
Our best moments were when the SGA participated in the Trunk or Treat and the Christmas Parade. It was a good way to advertise Howard College to the community.	
Student Response:	
The SGA is new, but we have been having events and trying to get more student involvement.	
Dr. Sparks question:	
What kind of attendance do we have on movie night?	
Students' response:	
Yes, the attendance is good. More students get involved and we can bring our kids to the movie event.	
Student's concern:	
Feminine hygiene dispenser in the woman's restroom?	Monica Castro Mary Ann Bara
Monica response: Maybe the SGA could add feminine hygiene products. It could be one of the items SGA could sell.	

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<p>UPDATED RESPONSE: Monica Castro and Mary Ann Bara Feminine hygiene products will be available in the office as part of the SGA items or sale.</p>	
<p>Student comment:</p>	
<p>I have a comment. The college was good, but it has gotten better. There is more involvement and participation. It is a great atmosphere.</p>	
<p>Student Concern:</p>	
<p>Could we have more evening student events so older adults could participate more in the student events? If there could be more events in the evening after work?</p> <p>Mary Ann Response: If you have any ideas, come talk to the President and Vice President of SGA about event ideas or times that will work better.</p> <p>UPDATED RESPONSE: Monica Castro and Mary Ann Bara A Selena Quintanilla Legacy Celebration was held in the evening and attendance was good. Students were able to bring their children. More events are planned for the end of the year.</p>	<p>Monica Castro Mary Ann Bara</p>
<p>Student question:</p>	
<p>Does the dual credit think there is anything that needs to be done for dual credit students?</p>	
<p>Dr. Sparks response:</p>	
<p>I think it is important to hear the dual credit perspective.</p>	
<p>Student response:</p>	
<p>Dual credit perspective is fairly good. The communication was particularly good between me as a student and between the teachers. My classes were online.</p>	
<p>Dr. Sparks response:</p>	
<p>In the next few days Cindy Smith will be reaching out and try to put together a student focus groups across the district to talk about things. We will try to get the focus groups done before spring break, so know that is coming. The student focus group is preparing us for student success.</p>	
<p>Dr. Sparks question:</p>	
<p>Would you like to learn sign language?</p>	
<p>Student response:</p>	
<p>Multiple students said yes, and the students and Dr. Sparks discussed maybe having a ASL class to learn about sign language.</p>	
<p>Dr. Sparks question: Is there anything else anyone would like to share?</p>	
<p>Student Concern:</p>	
<p>Student suggested childcare to help students that do not have reliable babysitter to come to class.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Monica Castro Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities to have on-site daycare. We have on occasion had a child sit in our office while a parent takes an exam.</p>	<p>Monica Castro</p>

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Closing statements from Dr. Sparks	
Thank you so much, and I appreciate you all so much for participating. I enjoyed our time together, and we will take all the students' responses and information and review them.	