

PRESIDENTIAL STUDENT FORUM
HOWARD COLLEGE SAN ANGELO STUDENTS
March 3, 2020, 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Sparks welcomed the group and introductions were made. Dr. Sparks shared that we have student forums twice a year in the fall and spring semesters. We have been doing this for over 25 years. We try to keep the forum to one hour, but do a quick review of the items/concerns from the prior forum. The forum is an opportunity for you to make Howard College better. Your voice is important to us. What you share today could make Howard College a better place for future students. This is your time to share constructive criticism. Tell us what may not be working, but we also want to hear is something is working. The comments/suggestions provided today are sent to the appropriate department for a response. Sometimes that response may be an interim response, as more time might be needed to review the suggestion. Dr. Sparks did note that 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 privacy, personal matters are handled on a one-on-one basis through other avenues. Dr. Sparks reviewed the fall 2019 items, followed by students sharing their concerns/suggestions/comments.

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

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS	RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN
GENERAL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love the security; appreciate this – both day and evening security • Love it here – so comfortable—good experience • Library – Smiles; always have a “Hey, how are you.” Southern hospitality. Bubbly personalities. • Non-profit trainings conducted are amazing 	<p>Comments to be shared.</p>
FACILITIES/STUDENT SERVICES	
<p>Food Vendor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsanitary conditions in the kitchen area – not clean • Would not eat there, since I have seen the conditions behind the door • Do they have Health Inspections? • Is a new vendor possible? • Have a survey for what students want – maybe through email; One student suggested the survey be done during the free lunch hosted by the HC Baptist Student Ministry • Maybe a concession stand with some healthy options (salad/fruit), burgers, chicken, sandwiches, cereals – more fresher choices; Needs to be quick so students have time to get to class • Could you have a Market Street station – sell items from Market Street on a daily basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sparks shared that the Health Department should be doing inspections; Dean Callan added that they have been discussing the possibility to go out for request for proposals for a new vendor. Dr. Sparks added that we have had other vendors; however, there was not enough business to be profitable. The Bookstore is working with us and they now sell more food items • The vendor has not been on site since March 16 and is closed during the summer semesters. The vendor has been sent a directive to have the kitchen and counter areas thoroughly cleaned and sanitized no later than July 31, 2020. The vendor has also been asked to submit in writing fall plans for menu and safety precautions due to COVID-19 by July 20, 2020. The plans will be shared with campus council. • Prior to the COVID-19 shut down there was conversation about doing an RFP (request for

	<p>proposal) to look for a new vendor. Steve Smith and Terry Hanson did not believe it was worth doing an RFP for another vendor without being able to subsidize their income and the budgets don't currently allow for that. We are currently unsure what the status for the food vendor in the Fall is, whether Buddha Belly plans to return or not, and without a solid understanding of what will happen in the Fall, we may not try to replace the vendor at this time.</p>
<p>Intramural Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the campus too small for intramural sports (baseball/softball)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean Callan mentioned that this has been discussed in our site council. The Student Life Department believes that the creation of Intramural Sports should follow a similar process to that of any formal student organization. It should be student led (with an advisor assist) to maintain excitement and involvement. The student life department could assist with surveying students and getting the word out about an intramural sport program but there will need to be significant commitment from the students to create a program with multiple teams on our campus. Costs and Needs for Intramural Program <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Space for specific sport – rent, borrow, etc.? Minimum of 4 teams of 3 students (12 total) committing to scheduled games Advisor Equipment We could ask the students if they would like to create a "Howard College" sponsored team to participate in the COSA leagues. We could sponsor them by paying their registration fees, providing uniforms, snacks, drinks etc. If there is enough student interest this could lead to an eventual intramural program. This can be explored further once students are able to return to campus and COSA opens their league sports.
<p>CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION</p>	
<p>Biology for Non-Science Majors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could a face-to-face option be offered; Online was a huge disservice—very difficult class to take online if you are not science minded <p>This question led to a general discussion on class offerings – see below</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will review our current offerings to see if we can add this option into some sort of rotation to offer face to face.

<p>Classes offered only once a year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could they be offered every semester – criminal justice chemical dependency courses • Could advisors be made aware of courses that are only offered once a year – would help when they are advising students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Callan shared that we are working to develop a two-year schedule; might not be online, but would have as a tool for advisors to use • Historically, we have not had the enrollment in the courses that would warrant offering the Chemical dependency courses every semester. The Program Chair and Dean will review the progression of courses and ensure that the information is shared with advising so that students are enrolled in a timeframe that allows completion. If the demand for the program begins and we are able to complete cohort enrollment, we will begin adding the additional courses every semester • When reviewing the offerings in Arts and Sciences, we have a few classes that are offered once or twice a year. We communicate with advising to let them know of the rotation of these classes. We will be working on a schedule that will span past the next semester that can help with advising. Some classes do not have enough of a student interest to offer more than once or twice a year.
<p>Teaching Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could San Angelo have a similar teaching program like the one Big Spring has with Texas Tech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sparks shared that the Big Spring program had a grant to get the program started and confirmed that students entering the program need to commit to teaching in the area • Howard College would be a willing partner in Angelo State like Texas Tech wanted to start a program like this. This opportunity has not been presented at this time.
<p>IT Certifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could you offer IT boot camps for preparation for certification tests (i.e. CompTIA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Callan shared that we have a new Career & Technical Education Dean and she will look into this; Dean Callan also mentioned could be a possibility to running some of these through our Continuing Education Department • The IT programs are currently being assessed in order to better meet the needs of our community industry partners and students. Offering bootcamps and certification tests would be a good opportunity to explore and we could mirror the courses between CTE and CE. Strategic discussions will take place between CE, CTE, and Industry to build curriculum and programs.
<p>General Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sparks and Dean Callan asked the students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students shared: A mix would work great. Can benefit from online, except Science/Math is hard

Online or face-to-face, how do you feel about this? Do you want online, day, evening classes? Is there enough variety in the current schedule?

online if not Science/Math minded. Discussed that taking online classes depends on the student's strengths. Some classes lend themselves to being okay for online. Students shared that you need discipline if taking an online course. Students shared that you miss the interaction that you get in a face-to-face class. Students need classes that they can balance their school, work, and family needs. Variety of classes would be beneficial. Sometimes class options limited due to overlapping times or classes offered at the same time.