

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

November 12, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Bryan Campus – S128, Brenham Campus – AN322, and RELLIS –
Walter Schwartz Building 110E

1. Meeting Call to Order

Ms. Karen M. Buck, Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Administration, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes for the March 6, 2019 meeting (handout).

On a motion by Dr. Jimmy Byrd, seconded by Mr. Chris Marrs, the Minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting were approved (a copy of the Minutes is attached and made a part of these **Minutes**). Motion passed unanimously.

3. Legislative Updates

Mr. Leighton Schubert, Executive Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, presented the Legislative Update.

Change in definition of “Success Point Transfers”

- A. Student success – When co-enrolled Blinn students in programs such as the Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM Program would transfer, Blinn was not getting success points because this was not in the definition of a transfer student under the rules regarding success points.
- B. \$2.26 million more over next two years in success point funding due to the inclusion of co-enrollment students under the transfer success points.
- C. Funding contact hours increased from \$172 per point to \$202.03 per point. This has been the largest increase in success point funding approved by the legislation.

Higher Education

The Texas Senate is conducting a study regarding the impact of service areas and how that impacts the service to community college students across the state. This study that will take place between the prior session and the next session.

Innovative Forward-Thinking Programs

Blinn’s programs are being used as examples for other community colleges.

4. RFP for the P3 and Economic Impact Study Update

Dr. Mary Hensley, Chancellor of the Blinn College District, presented on Mr. Richard Cervantes’ behalf.

RFP for P3

- RFP was issued this month and the goal is to select a developer at the February Board meeting.
- Blinn's goal is to open this 400-500 bed facility in the Spring of 2022.
- Blinn would then remove some of the older dorms from inventory (Solons, Holleman Hall, and Memorial Hall). These three facilities currently provide 204 beds.
- From a revenue perspective, the removal of the rental revenue will be offset by the additional meal plans in the new P3.
- In addition, Blinn's annual expenses, from custodial, utilities, repair and maintenance, etc. will decline by \$275,000 annually, due to the expense of older dorms maintenance and operating older dorms.
- The P3 model will offer additional advantages, as the risk of construction, financing, and operating the facility are shifted to the developer. The College will receive a net amount surplus annually from the developer and after the facility is paid off, ownership reverts to Blinn.

Economic Impact Study

The District is pursuing an Economic Impact Study initiative. Blinn's last economic impact study took place in 2013. The District contracted with Economic Modeling Systems International (EMSI) in mid-September. EMSI is the same company that prepared the report in 2010 and in 2013. The company has conducted more than 2,000 economic impact studies since 2000.

Typically, an economic impact study includes:

- An approximation of the amount of income the College adds to the community, the region, and the state (Blinn will ask for a study linked by campus and by county)
- A measurement of student productivity and regional impact
- A societal impact on how the College influences social savings due to a more educated work force
- An illustration, to students, that demonstrates the value of an education and how they are likely to achieve higher earnings throughout their careers
- A report to taxpayers that depicts the return they can expect to receive in additional tax revenues and public sector savings due to their investment in the College

At the end of September, a committee of Blinn employees with representation from Facilities, Accounting, Institutional Research, and Accounting had a kick-off meeting. There was a goal set of delivering EMSI's survey template by the beginning of November, which was accomplished. EMSI plans to submit a draft report by the end of November.

5. Academic Affairs Update

Dr. Marcelo Bussiki, Vice Chancellor for Instruction, presented the Academic Affairs update.

Dual credit

Dual credit enrollment growth is up 5.82%, or 156 new students. Dual Credit staff are working

diligently to increase presence in the high schools and focusing on HB5, which is developmental coursework taught by teachers at the high school. Blinn has extended from eight HB5 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to over 22 area high schools.

Blinn is working with the Career College Military Readiness (CCMR) initiative. TEA has listed 80 certifications that would count towards success points for ISDs. Blinn contacted Bryan ISD, Brenham ISD, and College Station ISD to offer level 1 certificate programs at these schools in agriculture, business, cybersecurity, and engineering.

TEAM Program at RELLIS

Visited with Dr. James Hallmark at RELLIS on dual admission with the Texas A&M University System schools. Working with Dr. Nancy Jordan on a new path from two-year college to a four-year college degree.

Calendar Committee

Presented draft to faculty and staff by email. Will bring comments to Executive Council to finalize the calendar.

New Partnerships

- TAMU AgriLife Sciences – would like to establish a dual enrollment partnership, like the TEAM Program.
- Sam Houston State University – has approached Blinn for partnership on an Ag Academy
- TAMU College of Public Health – would like to establish a partnership at the Brenham Campus
- UT San Antonio – is interested in possible partnership at the Brenham Campus for Music, Theatre, and the Engineering Academy
- TAMU Commerce – Cybersecurity Program (AS, AAS, Certificates) will be at RELLIS
- Texas A&M San Antonio – will have Water Management at RELLIS (Blinn will have an AAS Degree)

6. Student Services Update

Dr. John Turner, Assistant Vice President of Student Services and Brenham Campus Dean, presented the 2019 Fall Enrollment and Housing Update.

Fall 2019 Enrollment Update

Numbers are up on all campuses – overall up by 36 students (19,581) compared to Fall 2018 (19,545).

Fall 2019 Housing Update

- 1763 total beds
- 144 on waitlist
- Staff Members; 16 Residence Hall Directors and 42 Residents Assistants

Increased safety on campus

- Hired off-duty police for evening at Mill Creek and Wheeler
- Updated visitation hours to ensure people are out of the building by 10 p.m.

- Updated Residence Hall Director manual to ensure consistent responses to situations
- Updated Residence Assistant manual to ensure consistent responses to situations
- Created Residence Assistant checklist for use on evening rounds to ensure points of safety are being consistently checked
- Ongoing drug dog visits to all housing facilities
- RHDs working later hours, especially in high profile areas
- Ensuring that one hall director lives in each building on campus (where they work)
- Established/re-iterated quiet hours for the residence halls to help students have a quiet place to study and sleep
- BCPD camera operators are sitting at the Mill Creek and Wheeler front desks from 6 p.m. - 2 a.m.

7. RELLIS Update

Mr. Chris Marrs, RELLIS Campus Executive Dean, presented the RELLIS Campus Update

- Fall 2019 enrollment over 2,500. This is up from the previous Fall 2018 semester of 1,500 (first- and second-year Engineering Academy students are included in the Fall 2019 number.)
- Academic Alliance Building Phase I completed. Blinn's Health Sciences relocated from the TAMU Health Science Building to the Academic Alliance Building for Fall 2019
- Addition to Walter C. Schwartz parking lot has increased the parking capacity from 100 to 176
- The Agriculture and Workforce Education Complex is being developed and on track to open in summer 2020
- Army Futures Command broke ground on a new location at RELLIS
- Blinn has a great working relationship with the Texas A&M System at RELLIS
- Year two at RELLIS is even better than last year. The momentum is going, and the campus is growing

8. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Jimmy Byrd, seconded by Mr. Max Hibbs, Vice Chancellor Buck adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm.

Members present: Mr. Mark Bernier, Ms. Karen Buck, Dr. Marcelo Bussiki, Mr. Richard Bray, Dr. Jimmy Byrd, Ms. Lisa Caton, Ms. Laurie Clark, Ms. Alyssa Garcia, Dr. Mary Hensley, Mr. Max Hibbs, Ms. Michelle Marburger, Mr. Chris Marrs, Ms. Chyenne Michael, Ms. Dagmar Poteet, Mr. Todd Quinlan, Mr. Leighton Schubert, and Dr. John Turner.