



Frank Phillips College – Allen Campus



Advisory Council – 2009-2010 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes Friday, January 15, 2010

Members attending: Diane Thorpe, Barry Willis, Earl McKinley, Jarel Whitehead,
and Lew Hunnicutt

Old Business:

Dr. Hunnicutt reported that pigeons continue to be a problem for the campus roof but different methods were being tried to control the population. He expressed concern that if the city did not address the problem as one entity, then after the current population is gone from the campus, another would move right in.

New Business:

Dr. Hunnicutt reported that the 5th and final payment of the joint CDC/FPC loan would be paid in February. When the loan was taken out in 2005, the college pledged not to do fundraising for the Allen Campus until it was paid off and that any funds donated to the campus during the payoff period would be used to pay on the principal of the loan. Once the last payment is made in February then fundraising can address other areas.

Dr. Hunnicutt reported that even after substantial parking lot patching, there is still quite a bit of repairs to be made. He proposed a fundraiser to replace the current asphalt with concrete. Mr. McKinley asked if the damage could be from the sprinklers and Dr. Hunnicutt concurred that more than likely that was a large part of the blame. The parking lot has many oddly shaped areas and anytime the sprinklers are on there is a great deal of water that pools on the parking lot. Mr. Willis suggested that instead of planning on a large overhaul of the parking lot, why couldn't the odd shaped areas be changed to plantings or ground cover that require little watering. Dr. Hunnicutt liked that idea and will present possible xeriscape solutions to the Council at the 3rd quarter meeting in April.

Dr. Hunnicutt reported that other areas where future fundraising could help the campus would be for scholarships and an electronic marquee for the campus.

Dr. Hunnicutt discussed the 2009-2010 budget. After the first 4 months of the academic year, just over 33% of the budget has been expended so spending is right on target for the year.

Dr. Hunnicutt presented the "to date" Allen Campus statistics showing that the campus served over 1,200 people so far this year. He explained that academic numbers are down slightly from last year but thinks it is due to the economy. Many campuses see increased growth when the economy takes a down turn. These are usually the ones with quick completion programs that train for specific workforce skills in a short amount of time and get people back into the workforce very quickly. The Allen Campus does not currently offering any of these quick completion programs due to the start up and maintenance costs associated with them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Minta Wilson, Secretary