

The heads of TCCIA, TACTE, TACE, TAIR, and TADE participated in a telephone conference with Steve Johnson from TACC and Cynthia Ferrell from the Texas Success Center to brief us on ongoing legislative activities, what the Presidents are talking about in TACC and what's going on with the Texas Success Center. It also allows the different organizations to share their work amongst the group. I sat in for Rex.

A summary of the conversation is as follows:

1. TACC (Steve Johnson)
 - TACC addressing three issues for CE with a proposing a Continuing Ed bill to address at what age and zero tuition (interest by legislature) - prospective not retrospective (expect a problem with age of 16)
 - Transfer - Senate Finance working on HE funding, pressure to solve the transfer issue - stop credit loss. A working group now starting work on policy changes - ready to take this on including UT and TAMU
 - Dual credit - TACC, THECB and UT system have a task force to discuss issues around dual credit
 - Research across all four
 - Curricular issues (quality and alignment)
 - Law and policy
 - Access and equity
 - Funding sub committee
 - Issues triggering - rigor and quality of education of dual credit, faculty credentials, growing fast, funding
 - Legislation on guns on campus on hold
 - Funding is an issue. Zeroed out special items or cut back. Reduction and backed down the success point funding.
2. Texas Success Center (Cynthia Ferrell)
 - Pathway work ongoing, strong support among funders and lots of attention nationwide
 - 5 year plan, shooting to include all 50 college systems
 - Institute series (Nov and March) 3 years
 - Second round for the rest 3 years
 - Strengthening regional collaborations - meetings in the summer - partnering with Dana Center
 - Board of Trustee Institutes - bring in all 50 college systems
 - Knowledge collection - tools and stats, learn from what we are doing
 - Presidents talking of TACC assessments supporting - VPs engaged in this work - how can we better connect with VPs across Texas
 - Promote annual events inviting others
 - Blogging on pathway work
3. Community College Day in Austin is scheduled in two weeks on Tuesday
4. The next quarterly update is scheduled for April 28 at 10 AM
5. Frank Graves (TCCIA), Laura Talbot (TACTE) and Fred Hills/Rex Parcels (TCCIA) to discuss how to engage VPs into pathways process