

Letter From the Vice President



As I write this, the Texas Legislature has just adjourned the Regular Session and within 30 minutes started the first Special Session of the 83rd Legislature. The Governor dictates the agenda in Special Sessions and so far the only item to be

put on the agenda is redistricting, the normally every ten year process of redrawing districts for election and representation purposes. This was done two years ago, but a lawsuit has the final districts in question.

Representatives of higher education are hopeful that Governor Perry will add Tuition Revenue Bonds to the "call" of the Special Session. That is because TRBs, as they are called, died an unfortunate death in the waning hours of the Regular Session. Ironically, both the House and Senate passed Senate Bill 16, the TRB bill authored by Senator Zaffirini, but the House cut the amounts by 20%. When the Senate refused to "concur" and requested a Conference Committee, the House said "take it or leave it." Throughout the last day, the Senate tried to get the House to appoint a Conference Committee, but SB 16 crashed and burned at approximately 5:21 p.m. Monday afternoon. Texas State had two projects with funding included in SB 16, authorization for an Engineering and Science Building in San Marcos and a Health Professions Building for Round Rock.

So, instead of 80% of something, we have 100% of nothing right now. Given that both houses passed a version of SB 16, there is reasonable hope that if they can resolve the redistricting issue the Governor may add TRBs to the call.

That was the bad news. The good news is that even though no TRBs were authorized it was the best session for higher education in ten years. This will be the first time since 2003 that we will receive a real increase in State General Revenue appropriations. The Budget Office is searching the Appropriations Act to find out if there are any "gotchas" buried in there, however. We know of one that might eat up about \$1,000,000 of the increase, but if that's the only one we will be happy.

We also got some regulatory relief in a couple of areas. Some bills passed that will require what is known as "satisfactory academic progress" for students to be able to continue their tuition and fee waivers and exemptions. And, after 40 years of being the final authority on new construction projects in the State, the Coordinating Board was stripped of its construction approval authority. An extensive study of the Hazlewood and Hazlewood Legacy tuition and fee waiver programs will be conducted over the next two years.

It's also worth noting after every legislative session what didn't happen. John Root, Jackie Slaughter and the staff in the Bookstore are happy no "bookstore bills" got any traction this session. Also, a lot of people are happy that students don't have the right to carry a concealed handgun on campus yet. Although, Governor Perry has said that is something he would consider as enough of an emergency to be added to the "call" of the Special Session.

HB 29, requiring all universities to offer "guaranteed four year tuition plans" by the
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VPFSS Brown Bag

Have an idea...a question...a concern? Bill Nance will visit offices for his monthly Brown Bag sessions on the following dates.

- Tuesday, July 30**
Financial Services/FIMDC/Payroll
11:30am - 12:30pm
- Thursday, August 8**
Treasurer/Student Business Services
11:30am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday, September 8**
Print & Mail Services/Copy Cats
12:00pm - 1:00pm

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Dates To Remember

July 3

- Dog Days of Summer begin

July 4

- Independence Day - official Texas State holiday

July 6

- Running Of the Bulls

July 8

- Annual Benefits Enrollment begins

July 9

- Summer II session begins

July 20 - August 19

- Ramadan

July 23

- Annual Enrollment Fair

July 28

- National Parents' Day

August 9

- Summer Commencement
- Annual benefits enrollment ends

August 11

- Sons' and Daughters' Day

August 12

- International Youth Day

August 13

- FSS Fall Kickoff

August 23

- University Convocation

- Texas State LBJ Picnic

August 26

- First day of Texas State Fall semester classes

September 2

- Labor Day - official Texas State holiday

September 4

- Teacher's Day

September 4 - 8

- Rosh Hashanah

September 8

- National Grandparents' Day
- World Literacy Day

September 13

- International Chocolate Day

September 22

- First day of Fall

September 27

- Native American Indian Day

What Makes A Division Great?

Chris Nice would like to take the time out to thank **Katie Bonner**, Human Resources, for her thoroughness and conscientious efforts in helping assist with information regarding a leave of absence question. Terrific!

Katie along with **Cynthia Keilers**, Human Resources, received two thumbs up from Christy Neeley for taking the time out of their busy schedules to help assist with a benefits question. "Cindy and Katie set a great example of what teamwork is all about!" Excellent work!

Heather Bristow and **Val Marrero**, Custodial Operations, were commended by Judy Oskam for their hard work and dedication to the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Bravo!

Kudos to **Lisa Coker**, **Jerry Flores**, and **Maria Morales**, Custodial Operations, for the excellent job done on the work they did at Taylor-Murphy during spring break. Great job!

Daniel Lochman, his colleagues and staff are very impressed with **Lisa Coker**, Custodial Operations, she leaves the third floor of Flowers Hall looking brand new. Fabulous!

Michael Petty would like to recognize **Bill Donovan** and **David Morris** of Facilities for their management of the fountain redesign at Old Main and keen insight during the review of the hardware submittal for two consecutive projects. Outstanding!

David Garcia and **Benita Garza**, Custodial Operations, received Kudos from Pinfan Zhu for taking extra efforts working very diligently cleaning their stations. Great teamwork!

Ana Webb wanted to send out a special thank you to **Marty Garcia**, Custodial Operations, for taking the time to clean her office. Thank you!

Ernesto Gonzalez of Facilities received kudos from Jerry Deleon for helping the Electrical Shop and Athletics with the dimming for Strahan court lighting. Thanks for making a difference!

Tammy Coyle greatly appreciates the time **Jeff Lund** of Human Resources took in helping mentor her through a presentation. "Jeff is a perfect example of a true leader." Excellent!

Christy Neeley of Finance and Support Services receives kudos from Pamela Lemoine for helping coordinate the Reed Parr Room, paying attention to detail, and taking care of every issue in making the College of Liberal Arts event a success. Job well done!

Leslie Bulkley gave **Materials Management Staff** two thumbs up for being so efficient and returning phone calls. Keep up the good work!

Rita Ogg appreciates all the work **Robert Roten** and **Linda Zant** of Custodial Operations do in keeping the 2nd and 3rd floors at MCS so neat and clean. Awesome!

Dr. Ron Brown acknowledges **Teresa Rudolph** and **Tracy Ryan**, Budget Office, how crucial their assistance and direction have been in assisting with a rush job on a purchase order. Great Teamwork!

Pat Curtin wanted to express what a positive, knowledgeable representative **Heather Steed** is to the Human Resources Department. "Heather is so gracious, patient and certainly informative." Thank you for your hard work!

And the Winners Are...

FSS Customer Service Award Winners

The FSS Customer Service Award winners were announced by announced in April. Of 26 nominated employees, the following are the winning eight:

Front Row: Cynthia Ledesma, Melinda Olivo, Katie Bonner, Robert Roten

Back Row: Bill Nance, Karen Munoz, Elizabeth Mendez, Brian Solis

Not Pictured: Miguel Hernandez



FSS Quarterly Team Award Winners

The E-PCR Team was honored as the FSS Quarterly Team Award winners for the last quarter of 2012. They are:

Front Row: Sarah Bavousett, Joyce Munoz, Rosie Olivo, Candice Stachell, Nancy Brister, Elizabeth Mello, Roxie Weaver, Lisa Gonzalez

Back Row: Michael Brister, Jen LaGrange, Cindy Waggoner, Mark Piersol, Barry Shuler, Melinda Grimes, Robert Moore, Gaye Korenek, Percy Adusei-Ameyaw

Not Pictured: Gabe Gil



FSS Quarterly Team Award Winners

The Health Professions Building Preparation Team won the FSS Quarterly Team Award for the first quarter of 2013. The team consisted of:

Front Row: Illiana Camarrillo, Vicky Robles, Nicole Delgado, Josie Cordero, Maria Posados, Jerry Flores, Maria Morales, Mike Machado

Second Row: Marcus Pacheco, Rosie Ortiz, Lisa Coker, Justin Cervantez, Derek Hurtado, Delia Gonzales, Martín Mercado, Henry Perez, Ana Hicks, Larry Rodriguez

Back Row: Bill Nance, Manny Pantoja, David Garcia, Jay Cody, Scott Plough, Jeremy Rodriguez, Joel Trevino, Fermin Torrez

Not Pictured: Danny Bautista, Kristopher Benitez, Eddie Camacho, Adrian Castilleja, Blanca Castillo, Bobby DeLeon, Robert DeLeon, Albert Gomez, Bill Grey, Brad Harrison, Gerald Juarez, Francisco Lopez, Larry Peralez Sr., Raymond Reyes, Rodrigo Rodriguez, Sal Rodriguez, Gilbert Sanchez, Mary Sanchez, Francis Sandoval, Janice Taylor, Sal Vasquez, William Williams



TX State Employee Of the Month Award

Mario Molina, Assistant Director of Utilities Operations, was selected as the Texas State Employee of the Month for March 2013. Mario Molina began his career with the university in 1990 as a shop electrician. He continued his education at Texas State University-San Marcos by completing his Bachelors of Applied Arts and Science in 1994 and his Masters of Public Administration in 1998 while working fulltime. In 1998, Mario was promoted to Utilities Analyst and in 2011 to Assistant Director of Utilities Operations. He is a Certified Energy Manager (CEM), served as an academic instructor for ten years, and served on the committee of team leaders for University Seminar. His primary responsibilities as Assistant Director are to provide direction and oversight of Operations & Energy Services and Thermal Plant Maintenance Services. These groups provide 24/365 simultaneous production of steam, hot water, and chilled water from four primary campus thermal and various standalone plants. The coordination, communication and planning Mario executed for the 2012-2013 Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade project warrants his recognition for Staff Employee of the Month. This project was equivalent to providing new electrical service to a city of over 40,000 people with minimal disruptions. This was an unprecedented undertaking for the Texas State Facilities Department. Mario exemplified how to foster a collaborative team environment among Utilities and Facilities, the various university clients and contractors to achieve success. Congratulations, Mario, on being recognized as the March 2013 Employee of the Month!



FSS Picnic 2013

The FSS division held its 19th annual employee appreciation picnic at Sewell Park on April 19, 2013. Many employees came out this year to our “Under Construction” themed picnic. Everyone enjoyed a boxed lunch catered by Jason’s Deli and the great variety of music provided by DJ Jesse Cruz of Print & Mail Services. Our community service project, a collection drive benefiting the American Cancer Society was a



success! A total of \$702 was collected surpassing our goal of \$500. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

The FSS Community Development Team would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the local community vendors and university departments who made donations to the FSS Annual Employee Appreciation Picnic. Over 100 prizes were given out. With the support of our community merchants, the picnic was a huge success!



- Bath & Body Works
- Carquest Auto Parts
- Chisholm Trail BBQ

- Conley Car Wash & Detail
- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
- Embassy Suites San Marcos
- Fazoli’s
- Freebirds
- H-E-B #1

- JCPenney
- Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches
- Johnny Carinos
- Kreuz Market
- Krispy Kreme
- La Fonda
- Little Shoppe of Health
- Logan’s Roadhouse
- Los Cucos Mexican Café
- Mana’s Restaurant
- Mamacita’s Restaurant
- McDonald’s
- Mochas & Javas
- Palmer’s Restaurant
- Quick Align
- Red Lobster
- Rita’s on the River
- San Marcos Automotive
- Sherwin Williams Co.
- Shipley Do-Nuts
- Smitty’s Market, Inc.
- Smoothie Factory



- Sonic Drive-In
- Southwest Golf Range
- Starbucks
- Starplex
- Subway
- Supercuts
- Texas State Athletics Department
- Texas State Bobcat Bloom
- Texas State Bookstore
- Texas State Golf Course
- Texas State Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management
- Texas State Information Technology
- Tuttle Lumber
- University Marketing
- Westy’s Pharmacy Inc.





"Fill-the-Bucket" winners



Water balloon toss winners



Water balloon toss winners

Thank you again to these departments and community vendors. Next time you are in their place of business, give them a big Texas State THANK YOU!

Going along with the construction theme, employees participated in a "Fill-the-Bucket" game. It was a close competition but the team including Marilyn Ramirez and Anna Hale-Accounts Payable, Tony Garza-Custodial Operations, and Ryan Keylich-Materials Management, came out on top! Prizes were also awarded to the winners of the Water Balloon Toss games – Jeremy Rodriguez and Henry Perez of Facilities Management and Steven Andrade and Javier Ortiz of Materials Management.

The Golf Tournament took place at the University Golf Course with a total of 9 teams participating. The 1st place trophies went to

"The Legends" shooting 8 under for a score of 60. Representing the team were Jerry DeLeon-Facilities Management, Mario Molina-Utilities Operations, and guests, Gary Zielinski and Vincent Morton. Coming in 2nd place were the "Blind Salamanders" consisting of team members John Rayos, Art Pineda, Johnny Gonzales-all of Materials Management and guest, John A. Gonzales.

At Sewell Park, the horseshoe competition was held with 12 teams participating. The coveted 1st place trophies went to the team, "I'll Hit Dat" with team members Steve Williams-Custodial Operations and David Pardo-Grounds. Congratulations to all of the participants!



Golf tournament winners

The picnic was an overall success. The FSS Community Development Team hopes everyone enjoyed the afternoon by the river with their friends and colleagues. See you all next year!!

Staff Scoop

FSS Employee News

Staci Wade (Student Business Services) and her husband Toby were bursting with pride during the month of May. Their daughter Rusti received the President's Cup at San Marcos Baptist Academy Commencement on May 12th. This is the highest student award given at the Academy. Rusti's many involvements and achievements at the Academy won her the coveted award. Rusti plans on attending Texas State where she will major in Mass Communications.



Giuliana Grace Gutierrez

May 22, 2013 at 6:24 am

Shortly after this, Staci and Toby welcomed the arrival of their second grandchild, Giuliana, on May 22nd. Her parents are Marco & Kelci Gutierrez and her brother is MJ. Congrats to the whole family!



Keeouka Knighton, Facilities, Planning, Design and Construction, was married to SGT Miguel Rivera May 11, 2013. Congratulations to the happy couple on their new life together!

Spotlight On... Grounds Operations

Grounds Operations is a multifaceted unit within the Facilities Department of the FSS whose goals center on; aesthetics, environmental stewardship, safety and conservation to the end of providing a positive first, and lasting, impression of the University Campus' exterior settings; an advanced and proactive water management program that minimizes waste and negative impact on a regionally valuable resource; and a responsibly managed, comprehensive recycling program. All to reflect the University's dedication to progress and growth while preserving its historic reputation for remarkable natural beauty. The campus landscape is the "first impression" for visitors to our campus and studies have shown the appearance can have an impact on where students decide to attend.

Grounds is headed by Director Brad Smith, who, along with Assistant Director Jay Cody, provide leadership; instill professionalism and an expectation of high standards; offer guidance to the resources available to employees through University programs; conduct routine shop meetings to keep employees abreast of activities and changes within the Facilities or University operations; and manage intergroup/interdepartmental coordination for their operations focused array of routine, seasonal, and special event responsibilities as they occur over an area that encompasses a majority of Main Campus' 457 acre footprint, while also seeing that specialized care is given to the needs of the Urban Forestry Program, Meadows Center, Mitte Teaching Gardens and President's Residence as required... to name a few.

As a first priority, emphasis is continually placed on safe working practices, safety training, insuring availability of necessary and appropriate safety equipment, and charging those in the field to report safety hazards discovered during the course of their duties to the appropriate authority.

At the core, and most visible, of the department's operational elements is the Grounds Maintenance crews. Fifteen personnel under Grounds Supervisors David Sanchez and Joel Trevino are charged with the essential tasks related to the goal of aesthetic beauty; with crew members devoting many staff hours to the up-front priority of litter control and policing 217 waste receptacles on a daily basis; performing turf, tree and seasonal bed maintenance- which includes rotating over 5,000 annuals per yearly cycle at intervals designed to allow the beds to come into their full color in synch with major University events such as graduation, Board of Regents visits and Bobcat Days.

Grounds Maintenance is the first in and last out in relation to the numerous Special Events scheduled throughout the academic year, some-

times beginning site preparations weeks in advance to insure all landscape material is immaculately groomed, plus pedestrian paths clear of all organic and inorganic litter on the day of the event. Be it a single site, simple event or campus wide, this crew will dedicate itself to presenting our campus at its cultivated best.

Integral to the goals of aesthetics and environmental stewardship is the Irrigation Crew, composed of seven full time Irrigation Techs under the management of Irrigation Supervisor Joe Rodriguez with Adam DeLeon serving as Irrigation Coordinator. Texas State can boast of operating one of the most efficient and advanced centralized irrigation systems in the region, with approximately 1,300 section valves monitored and controlled by a centralized computer system and a well-established program of auditing and preventative maintenance that position us at the forefront of responsible water management. As a result of recent droughts, more attention has been given to technologies touted as water conserving tools but these technologies have been in use on this campus for over 20 years.

Our experienced and highly cohesive Irrigation Techs are tasked daily to investigate and remedy any system detected irregularity or reported problem, and are capable of handling the full range of irrigation demands from a full new install, upgrades, integration of acquired properties and all repairs. As the University expands, so do the responsibilities of the Irrigation team and, while their contributions to the beauty and stewardship principles of the department may not be as consciously imprinted on the public psyche as the landscapes they make possible, the direct results of their diligence are.

Recycling and Waste Management (RWM) are two separate but integrated operations managed by RWM Supervisor Mario Garza, who is assisted in coordination of services by RWM Worker II Rachel Betts. The recycling program, anchored by a crew of four FTE's and critical part time student workforce, is responsible for the campus wide collection and proper dispersal of comingled single stream recyclables (plastic #1-7, glass, aluminum, tin); toner cartridges; and scrap metals into their correct collection container for removal by contracted services.

Through a variety of receptacle options and strategic placement, the program has provided convenient and accessible avenues by which all members of the campus community may practice environmental consciousness on a daily basis; with the added benefit of cost savings to the University and employment opportunities for students. In one documented academic week, Recycling collected 4 tons of cardboard, 2 tons of comingled single stream and 10 tons

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Access, Access, Access!

Whether you are a student, faculty member or staff, access to campus is important to you. It is important to be able to get to class or work in a timely manner and Transportation Services is making changes to help everyone.

Transportation Services consists of Parking Services, Bobcat Tram, and Alternative Transportation, including the Bike Cave. The office of Transportation Services is located at 228 Commons Hall. Parking Services continues to be located at the Matthews Street Parking Garage.

Although BT Interurban Bus Service will only operate its service through August 23, members of Transportation Services are working

with outside entities to provide service from San Antonio and Austin. In addition, Transportation Services is researching various Ride Share programs. They hope to have something implemented for the Fall of 2013.

Locally the bus routes will increase for the Summer, meeting the needs of individuals and getting them where they need to be on-time. Beginning in the Fall there will be a point to point service added from the Mill Street parking lot, located behind Bobcat Village Apartments, to the Quad. There will be no stops in between.

Parking permit fees are on the rise again. Parking Services is an auxiliary or self-supporting operation and must generate revenue to pay

for the repairs and maintenance of parking areas, operating costs, employee salaries and benefits, and increased debt service. The increase is needed to help mitigate rising operating costs and increased bond debt. With that mind, Parking Services is exploring new payroll deduction options. Check your Texas State e-mail for coming information.

The mission of Transportation Services is to operate and manage an integrated parking and transportation system to help students, faculty, staff, and visitors reach their destinations in a timely fashion and to provide a friendly, courteous and efficient service in the most cost effective manner.

For more information, please visit www.transportation.txstate.edu.



Travel Smart

Timely travel tips

It's not too late to plan a vacation. Have you ever thought about visiting Walt Disney World in Florida? Here are a benefits to choosing a Disney resort when you go:

- Guaranteed admission to the parks (assuming you purchased park admission), even on the busiest of days when they start turning others away at the gates. (Except when the parks are at their highest level of attendance and then are closed to everyone.)
- You're surrounded by Disney "magic" and service 24 hours a day. Many people say that the level of service, cleanliness and security at the Disney hotels makes them worth the extra expense.
- Resort guests receive a resort ID card which can be used as admission media, your door key, dining package, and/or for charging privileges (this varies by resort and eligibility).
- Resort guests have the option of charging meals and purchases to their rooms with their resort ID card.
- Disney resort guests can have their purchases delivered directly to their resorts. (Allow at

least 24 hours for delivery.)

- Resort guests can make priority golf reservations up to 60 days prior to arrival.
- Free parking throughout the theme parks.
- Unlimited free Walt Disney World transportation, which is really great if you don't have a car to get around. If you're staying off-site, getting around can be very expensive and time-consuming.
- Resort guests have the option of keeping pets overnight in Best Friends Pet Care kennel (for an additional fee).
- Wake-up calls from a Disney character.
- Access to Disney's closed-circuit television information channels, plus the Disney Channel, ESPN, and others.
- Free wheelchairs from the resort for the length of your stay, based on availability. (Deposit is required.)
- Resort guests can purchase souvenir mugs that can be refilled for free at the resort for the

duration of your stay.

- You have access to EXTRA MAGIC HOUR, a program that allows you to visit a particular theme park on a designated day beyond regularly scheduled operating hours; either one hour in the morning or 2-3 hours in the evening.
- Disney's Magical Express - Free transportation from/to the Orlando airport to your Disney Resort.
- Proximity to the parks and attractions. None of the off-site hotels are as close to the Disney attractions as the Disney resorts.

Call Disney Reservations at 1-407-W-DISNEY (934-7639). Hours are weekdays from 7 am to 10 pm and weekends from 7 am to 8 pm, Eastern Time. Note: Disney provides no official toll-free number for general resort reservations.

Like most hotels, Disney resorts have seasonal as well as weekday and weekend pricing. The least expensive rate will be on weekdays during Value Season, followed by Regular Season, Peak Season, and Holiday Season. Also, like many other hotels, the room rate rises on Friday and Saturdays.

Spotlight

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of paper, multiplied weekly, this figure adds up to hundreds of tons of reusable material that did not contribute to waste hauling expenses or wind up in landfills. As an extension of the responsible stewardship principle and practice of waste reduction, Recycling dedicates a number of permanently placed rolls offs to the collection of organic and woody materials collected by Grounds crews in the course of their duties; the material is then removed for conversion into compost by Bobcat Blend; or to be mulched by a regional processing facility.

Waste management, in addition to providing and monitoring 69 dumpsters, 8 compactors and 9 rolls offs for daily use, also provides support and additional resources for Special Events and the cyclical events of dorm move in and move out.

Grounds has recently expanded its role in the field of conservation with the assignment of Horticulturalist/Urban Forester Nathan Lawrence to the Meadows Center; his role will be to coordinate with Meadows Center staff to implement the Spring Lake Management Program under the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan to manage conservation efforts at Spring Lake.

Grounds' Urban Forestry Program, with two certified arborists on staff, is responsible for implementing and managing the campus tree-care plan, which encompasses insurance of proper cultivation practices, protection of existing trees within construction zones and monitoring the overall health of the campus' managed inventory of over 4,000 trees; an inventory to which students contribute by verifying accuracy, tagging and updating annually as part of the Ag Department's Tree Identification course.

The UFP, working with University officials and the Arbor Day Foundation brought national recognition to Texas State by earning the designation of Tree Campus USA. To earn Tree Campus USA recognition, a school must meet five core standards of tree care and community engagement: Establish a campus tree advisory committee; provide evidence

of a campus tree-care plan; have dedicated annual expenditures toward the campus tree-care plan; hold an Arbor Day observance; organize a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body.

To date, Texas State's Arbor Day observances have added over 120 trees to the campus inventory, confirmed the University's commitment to conservation, beautification and environmental stewardship and given students a hands-on opportunity to learn and leave a living legacy to revisit throughout their time as students, perhaps beyond as alumni.

Grounds has progressively and deliberately set a course to create a landscape that is visually arresting and environmentally responsible through selection of heat and drought tolerant Native and Adapted landscape material whenever possible; by following best management practices in order to minimize, or even eliminate, the use of pesticides and their associated costs, both monetary and to the long term health of the environment; by choosing organic over chemical soil amendments in turf and bedding areas; through aggressive water management practices that will benefit the University and community in both the short and long term.

In striving to reach and maintain these goals, Grounds performs a universal service, as in all are served; from the first time visitor being treated to a clean and pedestrian friendly walk through the campus; to the students, faculty and staff able to enjoy a relaxed reprieve in deep shade or inviting surroundings; to the dignitaries and University officials who see in the manicured landscape a sense of Texas State's pride in image as the Rising Star in Texas, each has enjoyed the benefits of Grounds dedication to the creation, and preservation of an environment everyone feels welcome, and wants, to be a part of... in the past, present and in the future. This, we believe, is our only acceptable standard of service.

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fall of 2014, passed, but the TSUS Board of Regents had already mandated this in February. What was good about the final version of HB 29 is that does not dictate the terms or structure of the plan like an earlier version did. With the final HB 29 and the Board's motion, at the present time, we can design the plan to meet the needs of Texas State's students and the University.

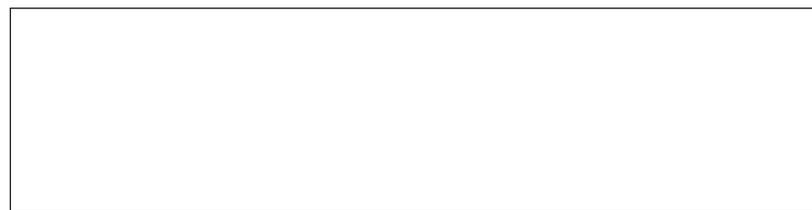
All in all, it was a very good Regular Session for higher education in general and Texas State in particular. I need to recognize the hard work of Chancellor Brian McCall and the governmental relations staff in the TSUS System Office during the session. Also, I want to thank all of you who responded to last minute requests for fiscal analyses of bills as we moved through the spring.

Just keep your fingers crossed that our two Tuition Revenue Bond projects can be approved in the Special Session.

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

- Carl Bard

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