Chancellor’s Update  
August 24, 2020

LSC Employees:

As we begin another year, I wanted to thank you all for your patience and support during the past five months. This undoubtedly has been the most challenging period we’ve ever experienced at Lone Star College.

I’m pleased to inform you that at the moment our registration numbers stand at -2.2% for total number of students and -4.4% in contact hours (our basic funding number). We budgeted for a -10% decline in contact hours so we’re in better shape than we anticipated. Official Day for State calculations of appropriations is the 12th class day so we have some time to increase our numbers.

The good news is that we’re in solid financial shape for at least the next two years with a couple of caveats. Those caveats include controlling the spread of the virus; headcount remaining stable; decisions on appropriations during the 2021 Legislative Session; and the State economy improving. In the meantime, we will continue many of our hiring freezes, budget reductions, conservative spending and thoughtful planning. We’ll know more about future compensation possibilities in late Spring, 2021.

We will continue to move deliberately on our overall campus reopening efforts. While COVID cases are dropping, we will see what happens in coming months. More information about our Returning to Building and Work from Home policies will be sent out in the near future. We’ve had several workforce locations open and have no issues to date.

Expect a series of notes about the storms in the Gulf. We’ll probably make a decision about our schedule on Tuesday.

Regards,

Steve Head
Chancellor