

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 8, 2005

Status Reports

Enrollment

- **Degree-seeking:** FTE enrollment is still fluctuating slightly; however, we project an increase over last year of approximately 3%. This, we believe, represents an all-time high for Shepherd.

Capital Projects

- **Ikenberry progress:** On track for completion about the end of September. As soon as the roof is on the elevator will be installed and interior work will begin. Carpet on the entire first floor will be replaced.
- **McMurrin:** The north side has been cleared (abatement completed) and work continues on the west side. Some concerns over the noise of blasting have come up. Be assured that our Industrial Hygienist is monitoring all activity of the contractor and surrounding area, including inside the building, to assure no activity exceeds limits set forth by OSHA and DEP.

Scaffolding will be erected on the south and east side in near future while repair activity begins on the north and west side. Work is progressing pretty much on schedule and may be completed by years end.
- **Nursing building:** Design work is nearing completion. Construction begins with the installation of a water and sewer line connection from Gardiner across the circle area to the front of the Dining Hall. This is necessary so the existing water line under C-Lot can be abandoned. Contractors will then drill, blast, and remove material in order to lower the elevation of the parking lot area by approximately 7 feet. As this is completed the foundation for the building and steel erection will begin. We anticipate work for this phase to begin in early September and be done by years end. This requires the entire area to be closed to all but delivery and service traffic. (Student parking in this area will no longer be possible; alternative parking has been assigned on the West Campus.) Work will continue, as weather allows, to a planned completion date of December, 2006.
- **Kenamond and Gardiner** fire alarm systems are complete.
- **Miller** sprinkler system is complete.
- **Infrastructure:** Building pad areas are complete and work is continuing on the West Campus road access to Shepherd Grade. This will be followed by work on the loop road to west campus entrance, as well as modifications to the west campus entrance. This phase of the project is still about two months out.
- **RL housing:** Foundations are in and first floor walls are going up. Underground water, sewer and electric lines continue to be placed. First floor slab is to be poured soon. We are about 4 weeks behind with Doc's planking for second floor, but the overall schedule seems to be intact.
- **CCA:** Design-development continues, and we are on track for a Phase IA construction start in May of 2006.

Dates to Note

- **National Constitution Day** speech on campus by Senator Byrd on Friday, September 16th at 4 p.m.
- **Homecoming** is Saturday, October 29th
- **A New faculty reception** will be held at 3:00 P.M. in the Cumberland Room on Wednesday, September 7

Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC)

- **Construction Issues:** We are presently working with the Chancellor's staff on an issue related to construction approval by the HEPC. The federally-funded nursing building is the focus of this discussion.

Legislative News

- **Meetings with Legislators:** Valerie is scheduling several meetings for me to meet individually with various legislators. I have a six-point agenda to review with each person.

Community and Technical College

- **Joint Letter:** Pete and I are formulating a joint letter that we will send to employees of both institutions. This letter will address cooperative endeavors and associated expectations.