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1.

What improvements have been planned/implemented:

Insure that all ACC elections (annexations, BOT and bond issues elections will be conducted without exception
Continue to provide support as community committees are formed to pursue annexation efforts in their area, to ensure that our offices provide adequate information for committees
On election regulations, etc.
Increase meetings and partnerships with the Texas legislators, Federal officials, local, state and national entities whose policies affect community colleges

2.

How did you decide that these improvements would benefit your unit or what weakness is the unit trying to improve:

It is imperative that all ACC elections be conducted without exception
Support of annexation elections by providing election services, in order to expand educational opportunities to all the service area citizens
A need to continue to nurture relationships with groups that will support community colleges

3.

Measures: what measures are going to be used to determine if the improvements were successful.

How election is conducted, all requirements met
Number of annexation elections
Number of meetings, events and partnerships

3a. Baseline data: the data used to determine improvements were needed

Increase in number of elections held without exception, when communities choose to work toward annexation
Improve legislative program through better outreach within the institution, to share the legislative program among leadership of the college
Increase and feedback of meeting, events and partnerships

3b. Target goals: the data that shows your improvements have achieved your goals

Elections held without exception
Successful legislative programs in the 2013 Legislative Session, continued participation and support for the Legislative Interim to staff committees as they work in the interim
Increase in participation and attendance of meetings, events and partnerships in addition to positive feedback

3c. Current data: where you are currently in reaching your target

To date all ACC elections have been conducted without exception ACC has expanded the taxing area through successful annexation elections. Elgin and Hays Consolidated ISDs are the latest annexation successes. Currently committees are being formed in Pflugerville and Fredericksburg to pursue annexation efforts, and this office will provide support to oversee election contracts, election processes and record keeping, all legal postings, etc.

Governmental & Community Relations continues to meet on a regular basis with Texas legislators, Federal officials, local, state and national organizations whose policies support and aid the mission of community colleges

Our offices maintain the database of regional elected women officials, and staff the quarterly Women Elected Officials meetings

Representation on behalf of ACC include participation on the White House focus group for Women and the Economy, hosting White House Business Council Roundtables, serving on the Austin Chamber of Commerce legislative delegation to DC, etc.

Narrative:

Governmental & Community Relations is an area where staff provides research, information on governmental programming and legislation, provides oversight and management for elections for Trustees, bond issues, and annexation for the college. Additionally, External Affairs has responsibility through Governmental area to serve as liaison for Austin Community College District on all levels of government, including local and regional governments and their enactment of laws and policies. We have a program intact to oversee governmental and community relations issues, but work to expand efforts and utilize new tools to accomplish this task.