

Cover Letter for consideration for the Presidency at Texas Southmost College

If given this incredible opportunity to become the President of the renewed Texas Southmost College, I would ensure that all stakeholders are included in transforming the Rio Grande Valley into a place where people of all economic situations and cultural backgrounds achieve their goals of a better life. Students will have access to greater educational opportunities and the college will be known as a major catalyst for regional economic development.

One prime objective would be to establish multiple partnerships with the local and regional business communities, ISDs, multiple community non-profits, workforce solutions boards, the Texas Workforce Commission, the THECB, chambers of commerce, economic development boards, cities and counties, multiple universities, community and parent organizations, and many others in order to facilitate the college in reaching these goals. Priorities would be placed on ensuring that the college structure is lean and engaged with the community.

I would begin by going out to where the people live, talking to them and finding out what barriers exist to their educational attainment. I would support the creation of programs that bridge non-traditional students to college and create pathways that were previously non-existent. It would then become everyone's job to create an environment where student success can be achieved, creating a culture of support and inclusion. Student access and completion would be equally important. Policies and vision would align to support student access within a wide regional area and completion within a minimal time frame. Exceptional customer service in everything that we do would be expected, from first contact with a potential student to completion. Students will receive continuous council, advice, and support throughout their education and we would measure ourselves from the experience of the customer and not our own.

By working closely with the board, faculty and staff and in partnerships with multiple community and business partners, and other regional and state entities, I feel that I can help make a big impact in the community and make Texas Southmost College a top college, in terms of access and especially student goal attainment and completion. I would be honored, humbled, and would work extremely hard if given the opportunity to be a part of Texas Southmost College.

Sincerely,

Hector Aguilar, PhD