

Barton campus forum May 8, 2013 – The following comments were provided.

Individuals recognized for **years of service** - Mike Baugh; also recognized but unable to attend were Karyl White and Kim Heath. Bert Besthorn was recognized for 33 years of service as he prepares to retire. Bert reflected on his years with Barton.

End of Academic year. 3 upcoming graduations – Barton campus, Ft. Riley and Ft. Leavenworth; in addition there will also be a graduation for GED. Friday Commencement Events were reviewed.

Foundation was recognized for a successful Clay Shoot and also the Take a Seat auditorium renovation campaign is in progress for renovating the Fine Arts auditorium.

Legislature - Conceal Carry - trustees reviewing this afternoon for follow-up action for exemption for 4 years. In future there will be a review to continue with exemption.

Funding - Governor is identifying support of Higher Education. Legislators have not made a decision. Other considerations include sales tax and income tax.

FY14 budget still has too many unknowns with 3 months to wrap up budget. Currently there is an estimated \$700,000 shortage. 6-10 new positions are still being considered.

Request was made of Dr. Heilman if it would be appropriate to address the Governor with concerns, when he is on campus. Dr. Heilman's recommendation is no, please do not confront the Governor; be considerate as the Governor is very supportive of community colleges and technical education.

Congratulations were extended to Rick Abel for performing arts presentations.

Trevor and Athletic Department were recognized for the recent events they have hosted.

Dr. Heilman recognized individuals who continued to work during the snow day in January;

Tana - Senior Day; FA - processing checks; individuals who stepped up to feed students during the snow days.

Dr. Heilman thanked faculty and staff for their patience as renovations continue campus wide.