

Dr. Garstecki Monthly Board of Trustees Update

April 2025

- I held three open forums last week with Barton faculty and staff to share the Strategic Plan draft. We are now in the process of receiving feedback from participants.
- Barton reported out on Pillar II to the TEA this month.
- I attended Pints and Politics at Dry Lake Brewing this month. There were several great conversations with local legislators throughout the evening.
- Mark Dean, Angie Maddy, Jenni Bauer and myself met with reps from the Barton County Health Dept. As you are hearing in the news, the number of cases of measles are rising in Kansas and throughout the United States. Currently there are no cases in Barton County, but we met preemptively to plan in case there is an outbreak in Barton, or a contiguous county.
- We hosted Dr. Calvert from Pratt to sign the nursing MOU. We had several dignitaries in the audience, including Representative Sherri Brantley and Brett Fairchild, along with Hunter Carson from Senator Moran's office. Trustees Johnson and Helm also attended.
- The Larned Correctional Facility Learning Celebration was held this month. Once again it was an exciting ceremony watching those men walk across the stage to receive their diploma or certificate.
- I served as a guest presenter at a Hoisington Chamber Coffee. This was an opportunity to share updates from the college and hear updates from various employers and organizations in Hoisington.
- Chairman Johnson and I attended PTK in Topeka on Friday. We recognized one student, Paige Mink. Paige was also recognized as a Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver member.
- I attended the American Association of Community Colleges annual meeting. Myself and two of my peers from other institutions were selected to present on how to navigate the process of transitioning to the role of a community college president.