

Dr. Garstecki Monthly Report

March 2026

- I attended my regularly scheduled Great Bend Economic Development Board meetings.
- We hosted Senator Moran on campus for a great visit in the Agriculture and Transportation Complex. We had a great turnout especially considering we had less than 24 hours to organize the event. We had a great turnout from Barton faculty, staff, Board of Trustees, and community leaders. The Senator shared his compliments on a great event.
- I attended the Barton Leadership Institute. Blake Flanders, KBOR CEO and Heather Morgan both presented to the group. I introduced our guest speakers and enjoyed my time with the Leadership group.
- I provided the welcome remarks for the 38th Annual Corrosion Seminar that Barton hosts along with Wheatstate. This is a great professional development opportunity for professionals in our region, and I am proud of Barton's partnership. Thanks to Mary Foley and her team for their great work.
- We had our HLC multi-location site visit which was conducted in Pratt, Fort Riley, and Topeka at AMR. Our faculty and staff did a wonderful job highlighting our programs and facilities. We received a very quick turnaround from our Peer Reviewer and HLC with a glowing report.
- Barton hosted the Region VI basketball semi-finals and championship game. The college did an outstanding job hosting, and the tournament brought many people to Great Bend and Barton County for the weekend. Our men's team fell short of the championship on Saturday night but received an at-large bid to the national tournament.
- I met with Tyler Mason from Senator Marshall's office.
- I attended the Higher Learning Commission Conference in Chicago with the Barton team.