

Dr. Garstecki Monthly Board of Trustees Update

September 2024

- I attended the quarterly Great Bend Chamber Board meeting.
- I continued my on campus listening tours. This month I met with the Facility Management staff, Business Office and HR staffs, the Library staff, Institutional Advancement, and the Center for Learning Excellence.
- I was interviewed by KSN for a segment of their Good Day Kansas show discussing my transition to Barton.
- I have convened a task group to review Barton's strategic plan foundation and document. As mentioned in previous meetings, the current strategic plan that was adopted earlier this summer will remain in place for the year. This group will meet throughout the fall and early spring, with the goal to roll out the new plan to the Board at some point in the spring semester.
- I had a fantastic opportunity to tour the Kansas Oil and Gas Museum with John Francis.
- VP Simmons and I traveled to FHSU to meet with Tisa Mason and members of her team. We discussed partnership opportunities, including some additional 2+2 agreements. We also discussed summer camp options to get students in our service area aware of career options and degree programs that both Barton and FHSU offer.
- I attended the dedication and ribbon cutting at the new Ellinwood Hospital.
- VP Simmons and I traveled to Fort Riley. Dean Teal toured us through the post. We met with the new Garrison Leadership and other members of the Fort Riley staff. While on post, I also met with the Fort Riley/Grandview Plaza Barton team. I took time to share my vision/priorities and listened to any questions or concerns from the team.
- Our internal Barton Accreditation Team met for the first time since my arrival. This was a great opportunity for me to learn more about the college's previous accreditation efforts, where we currently sit in the accreditation cycle, upcoming efforts, and future concerns.
- I attended the Barton Community College Foundation Board Meeting. We had the opportunity to tour the Criminal Justice classroom to receive a demonstration on APEX Officer Training VR simulator. The Foundation Board made a matching contribution to the program for this simulator last year. This is an amazing tool for our faculty and students to train on.

- I traveled to Junction City to play in the Wounded Warrior Golf Scramble with Trevor Rolfs, Jeremy Coombs, and Dave Schenek. This was a great experience, and I enjoyed being a part of one of the ways which Barton gives back to Fort Riley and surrounding area.
- I attended the KBOR meeting in Topeka on September 18th.