



Date: May 4, 2020

To: Jay Golden, President

From: New Academic and Institutional Partnership Task Force

Re: Recommendations

Overview:

The task force met twice in person and twice via Zoom to discuss the university's potential for new academic and institutional partnerships and it focused on three areas: a Mexico location, a dental school, and a collaboration with KU School of Medicine Wichita on a Health Sciences facility. Given the wide array of professional experience represented on the task force, a decision was quickly made that the group's charge was to determine the feasibility of future discussions on these topics and not whether or not any or all of these topics were/are viable. Moreover, members of the task force voiced reservations about being able to make any recommendations in isolation of the many initiatives being discussed on campus at present.

I. Mexico Location

Luis Lara, President and CEO of American Industries, a Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Mexico based company contacted Wichita State University in the fall of 2019 to assess our interest in establishing a Chihuahua City location to offer specific aviation and engineering programs.

Activities to date:

- x Provost led visit to Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Mexico to assess opportunities
- x Hosted officials from Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Mexico for a workshop with WSU stakeholders to further assess opportunities

Discussions to date have indicated a need to determine feasibility in three areas:

- x AAS in aviation maintenance (WSU Tech)
- x AAS in aircraft manufacturing (WSU Tech)
- x BS in product design and manufacturing engineering (WSU)

Recommendation:

Given the feedback to date in support of such a location, it seems reasonable to explore this partnership with the understanding that a potential partnership must

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