Participants- Dr. Dave Barz, Legislator Jim Schaefer, County Commissioner Oscar Thompson, Mitchell Mayor Lou Sebert

Conversations:

Sebert: SDSU Extension reorganization- a lot of people did not care for the reorganization and have noticed a lot of complaining, but it is leveling out.

Barz: Commented that 4-H and extension with new reorganization should have a more fixed structure.

Sebert: Freshman retention- Too many coming in that may not be ready?? Increase requirements to get in ?? Tutoring??

SDSU: Looking at grades and intervening. Block scheduling students from college so they are together in biology.

Sebert: OSHA cities coming into compliance. Will extension engineering be able to help like they once did to get businesses into compliance?

GI Bill- Do you have a place on campus for Vets to come to like you do for Native Americans (Cultural Center)? i.e. Vets officer or the like?Someone to work with them right away when they come on campus.

- Sometimes kids need to learn that college is or is not for them- retention plans help make that determination with help if kids are struggling.
- Consequences to everything we do. Kids will have debt if they want a college degree. Today, education has moved from being a gift (affordable at one time- ex. $3000 for 1 year) to a business- managing your school costs to equate a living that a degree allows you to obtain.
- Set kids up socially so not a shock when go to school. Large classes to the typical 17 in a graduating class. Fear of a big campus.
- Set up strategic plan for youth who are coming in with lots of technology and utilize that.
- Are professors being challenged to utilize new technology?
- Retention of faculty?? Students passed 1% fee for help with salaries. New buildings and equipment helps but by national standards salaries well below national average.
- If professor salaries are well below national averages, is upper administration also well below national average?
- What percent of professors received some type of degree at SDSU?
- Comment- Use legitimate figures when wanting to build. $500,000 building cost one year and then the next year can do it for $300,000.