February 25 meeting notes:

First I want to thank each of you for attending the meeting today. I know that you have a full schedule and every day you try to fit 28+ hours of work/life into a normal 24 hour day; so I understand the sacrifice you made to come today.

P-16 alignment is a critical issue, especially at this time. As you can see from our discussion today, we could take many different approached to planning a project. Below are the goals of the AVATAR program:

1. To design scalable secondary and postsecondary training process for vertical and horizontal curriculum alignment that support successful transition and completion by students preparing for postsecondary and careers
2. To facilitate state-wide secondary and postsecondary faculty, administrators, and P-16 council leaders’ work groups to conduct horizontal and vertical alignment among high school courses, higher education lower division course sections and between lower division course sequences in 2 year and 4 year higher education settings.

I think many of the ideas discussed today fit into the second AVATAR goal. We didn’t look at the curriculum today but we did have discussion about the alignment courses for both college and careers.

Some of the ideas I wrote down today include:

* Students at SFA that successfully complete the developmental math course do better in later math courses than those testing out of developmental math.
* Little evidence of work ethic in some students – how can schools help develop this trait
* Math Project from Kilgore College
* Alignment is based on teachers knowing the TEKS
* Students struggle with problem solving/thinking skills
* Supporting kids in becoming all they can be whether college or career
* Learn what courses are required for career/associate’s degree
* How can information be disseminated information to the public and other educational institutions in our region

Here are two websites to look at – one was Monique’s San Antonio site - <http://www.sa-ready.org> and this is the Texas College and Career site - <https://www.texascollegeandcareer.org/Ext/Texas/Home/index.html> This site has vast resources for students and parents.