

Executive Council

January 8, 2024

9:00-10:30

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Dr. Arenaz

-**HB 17 response procedures** (see handout). Outlines procedures we are to use systemwide in response to inquiries/complaints about non-compliance. All inquiries made by the media or anyone else should go through Steve Harmon's office, and complaints should go through the compliance office. No one should be speaking with the media. SB went into effect January 1.

-**Hiring processes**-system added language for faculty hires. You may ask candidates for writing or creative work samples (mainly for tenure-track hires).

-**SACS**-we have six months to complete reports.

-**QEP**-we need to start moving on this. Dr. Arenaz and Dr. San Miguel will put a committee together to start doing research on experiential learning and where we will focus our efforts. The QEP does not have to be campus-wide.

-**Enrollment**-concerns about enrollment and freshman retention rate. Fall to spring retention should be above 90%.

-**Rellis**-we need to have a permanent faculty line at Rellis.

-**WBCA** events upcoming (February).

Mr. Juan Garcia

-**Enrollment** (see handout). All groups are up.

-**Harmony**-working with them on concurrent enrollment

-**Flex entry** courses start February 1.

-**Capacity**-course capacity may be raised as we get more enrollment

-30,000 students have **graduated** from this campus. Diplomas will be given out on Friday.

-**FAFSA** opened on December 31. There were some issues. We will host FAFSA sessions in the spring.

-**Recruitment**-will be back in high schools this week. Numbers for fall look promising.

-**Miscellaneous**: Wintermester study abroad was successful; Testing Center earned new certifications; Outreach programs have gotten some new grants.

Zimmerman

- Women's basketball continues to do well.
- Both teams will be on the road this week
- NCAA convention is coming up
- NCAA financial report is due next week.
- February 5-10 is Spirit Week

Dr. Alfredo Ramirez

- Registration** rate as of now is 90.73%
- Two more weeks to go

Ms. Scheiby Fisher

- Closer than Ever**-continues to be interest

Dr. Hayley Kazen (Faculty Senate)

- Updates on Dean's searches**-will be sent by Dr. San Miguel and shared with faculty

Mr. Daniel Berndt (Staff Senate)

- New **employee recognition** program will kick-off in January
- Meet and greet** event in the morning on February 1.
- Working (early stages) with **NeighborWorks** to provide staff with homebuying resources.
- Representative from **Texas Savers** will be on campus this spring (Healthy U)

Carolina Ramirez (SGA)

- Senate meetings will remain the same

Rosabel Ramos (Student Engagement)

- Health Services will no longer be closed during lunch starting in **February**

-Map where students can **access mental health services** on campus is now available. It will be shared with all incoming students.