

Executive Council

November 20, 2023

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Dr. Arenaz: University Update

Board meeting updates:

- introduced to system police liaison. Need consistent police policies across the system
- encouraged to invite Regents to attend University events
- student fee advisory committee: Regents are willing to look at non-academic fees such as health fees. Info sessions forthcoming.
- DEI audit in the spring. Changes must be documented and sent to Monica Robledo.
- may not *require* faculty to participate in DEI sessions; may not pay faculty a stipend to participate in DEI sessions. Examples include DEI sessions for federal grants and DEI units in ACUE.
- may still be a surplus next session, but there is a concern that higher education got a lot of funding in the past session, so we may not get additional funds in the next session. We need to show we are moving forward on projects and making progress.
- discussion about 12.01 and 12.06 (promotion and tenure and post-tenure review). Across the system, 60% of faculty who started in year X, received tenure. Of the remaining 40%, 25% were dismissed due to performance, 25% just left or were dismissed for other causes, and 50% left for other opportunities. There were questions and comments about good cause and process. Moral turpitude was NOT discussed.
- changes to 12.01: Nothing that will affect TAMIU
- changes in 12.06: differentiate between annual performance review and periodic post-tenure review. We may have to add a periodic review to our post-tenure review policy. The law reads that we are required to do a periodic review.
- new initiative by Chancellor: meetings with groups of presidents. Tarleton reported fall to spring retention for freshmen, and it is over 90%. Ours is in the 70s. We need to redouble efforts to get students registered. If our fall to spring is in the 70s, fall to fall will likely be in the 60s. This is totally unacceptable to Dr. Arenaz. **This number refers to freshmen fall to spring retention.**
- Chancellor is signing MOU with Taiwanese universities on semi-conductors.
- Research alliance meeting at Rellis. May be opportunities for our faculty to work collaboratively with faculty from other system schools.

-talk of Central Texas doing downward expansion

-people are writing letters to Department of Education claiming they were defrauded by institutions on student loans. System has gotten 120+ letters. TAMIU has gotten two. We were not asked to do anything by Department of Education. System will review.

-Carnegie classification-continue to grow toward R2. We need to add research doctoral programs

Juan Garcia: VPPEM

-registration continues

-last Thursday was drop date

-1230 dropped a class (14% of student population). Same as in previous years

-looking positive for spring (**overall**)

-concurrent students have not registered yet

-preview days have been happening

-FAFSA will open before 12/31

-Study Abroad has rebounded

-tree lighting ceremony is 11/30

-partnering with Killams for food pantry donations

G. Zimmerman: Athletics

-Volleyball is finished for the year. All fall sports are done.

-Basketball is ongoing

-Voz de Ninos donation drive until December 8. See handout

-Lone Star conference meetings are coming up

-NCAA meetings in January

Rosalinda Garcia: VPSE

-Referendum for health fees: Counseling is seeing a lot of traffic; severity of mental health issues has changed. Also have many more walk-ins. Money would be used for other wellness issues as well.

-Health Fees would be raised by \$24.35. If it passes, it cannot be raised again because we will have reached the cap.

-voting is Tuesday-Thursday after Thanksgiving

Staff Senate

- concerns with building community at TAMIU
- bi-annual employee recognition program will be piloted in January.

Faculty Senate

- 2nd Brunch with the Provost December 1
- Dr. Ari Gonzalez will be replaced by Ediza Garcia. A new secretary will be elected at the December meeting.

SGA

No report

J. Castillo

- Note last onboarding for the year (see handout)

C. San Miguel

- Shakespeare tonight and tomorrow

R. Palacios

- Trailblazer legacy night
- Fountain dunk
- Giving Day went extremely well
- as of today, the amount donated is \$27,882