

Executive Council

December 4, 2023

9:00 AM

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Financial Aid Presentation:

- FAFSA going through major changes.
- New FAFSA will open by December 31.
- 22-23 there were 15,734 FAFSA applicants; 82% received aid
- FAFSA simplification: A product of 3 laws; simplifies FAFSA process for students; adds new responsibilities for institutions; new ways to determine eligibility (student aid index) which will help institutions determine students with greatest need.
- There will be larger Pell awards and more students will qualify
- For summer, students will no longer have to be enrolled for 6 hours to receive Pell.
- For this year, the priority deadline is March 15.
- Changes in FAFSA will help expand access to postsecondary education

Dr. Arenaz University Update

- SB 17: We will be audited by the System this spring. Audit is to ensure we are in compliance and have documented everything we have done to comply with the law. Ex: If you scrub your websites for DEI language, be sure to write the date you did so. This way we will have a record of changes.
- On December 6, Public Agenda will be on campus. This is a think tank group that is looking at institutions that have a record of high upward mobility for graduates. They are doing case studies of institutions who have been successful in providing students with a high ROI.
- Late night breakfast is today, December 4.
- System mandated program: moving forward on student surveys concerning campus climate and mental health on campus. Health fee increase passed.
- If you are thinking about new programs, we are not tied down to next LAR (Legislative Appropriation Request) yet, so please contact Dr. San Miguel or Dr. Arenaz.
- Faculty may leave after commencement and return when classes resume (January 16).
- No word from System about early release on the 22nd yet.

-If there is a dispute between faculty, there is a process outlined in the Faculty Handbook. There is a grievance process that should be used rather than sending issues through EthicsPoint. This includes adjunct faculty. The Ombuds Office may also be consulted. No one should be advising faculty members that EthicsPoint is the first step.

Mr. Garcia Enrollment Management

- Headcount and SCH have increased over last year.
- Concurrent students have not registered yet.
- Final grade email will go out soon. Final grades need to be submitted on time.
- Graduation roster certifications will go out soon.
- DegreeWorks will be down today after 4 and all day tomorrow.
- Admissions is up 7% from last year
- Testing Center will have extended hours for finals

Zimmerman Athletics

- Lone Star conference season in basketball has started
- Friday is the last day to donate to Voz de Ninos
- Monday, 12/11, is the next staff meeting; if anyone has information to present, contact Griz.

Dr. Ramirez FFR Retention Update

- Current registration rate (fall to spring) is 86%

Faculty Senate

- New senate secretary is Dr. Kate Houston
- New Psychology & Communication senator is Dr. Ediza Garcia

Staff Senate

- Successful holiday gala
- Will distribute survey concerning gala this week

SGA

- Campus Victory Project retreat this past weekend
- TAMIU SGA does not offer stipends or scholarships for officers as other schools do; SGA will look into it.

Ms. Palacios

- no report

Ms. Garcia

-Student support during finals (napping stations, snack breaks, etc)

Mr. Castillo

-Graduation next week; email went out to staff last week concerning staff attendance at graduation.

Dr. San Miguel

-Faculty will process in for graduation

Calendar Items: See attachment