

Executive Council

February 19, 2024

9:00 am

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Dr. Arenaz: University Update

-Chancellor Century Council video

-Board meeting: Length of time in Texas to get a new degree approved. The THECB (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board) causes some of the slowdown. They are looking at ways to streamline the system policy so that degrees get approved more quickly.

-Stackable and microcredentials. **Texarkana** is looking at this type of credentialing. We need to renew our discussions about this. **West Texas** is launching an associate degree (progress degree). THECB approved 7 associate degrees in different areas (completion of 60 hours).

-CEO meeting was uneventful. In April, we will present our budget for next year.

-Concern about changes in Title IX, but nothing yet

-State of Texas is predicting 18-billion-dollar surplus. This is a HEAF (Higher Education Assistance Funds) reauthorization session.

-Discussion about increasing tuition/fees and affordability. We do not have differential tuition. Our published rate is what students in any major pay.

-Still experiencing issues with FAFSA

-Possible legislation concerning graduates who do not pay their student loans. Universities may be responsible for a portion.

-TELUS has gone live

-Board of Regents is doing an organization and structure of governance review.

-A new policy is pending about proper use of university email

-Discussion about nursing shortage. It is difficult to grow programs when there is limited faculty and clinical space.

-Update on SB 17. We are going through the audit process this spring.

-Our construction project has been approved (Health Sciences Building and expansion of WHT). Groundbreaking will be April 5 (Health Sciences).

-Increase in student health fee was approved.

-TAMIU will develop Clinical Lab Sciences and Physical Therapy programs.

- LAR-For this session, it will be civil engineering and computer science.
- Please take JED survey that was emailed by Dr. Arenaz
- SACS reports need to be completed. Our liaison will be here May 20 to look at drafts. We also need a strong outline of our QEP by then.
- We will not be an Early Voting site
- Wednesday-check presentation for Human Trafficking Center at 1:00 pm (see attached calendar)
- February 28 @ 11:00 am for Mr. South Texas Foundation Scholarship ceremony (see attached calendar)

J. Garcia: Enrollment Update

- Some students were dropped after 20th class day. Most of those students had not been attending.
- Increase in headcount and SCH over last spring. This is our highest spring enrollment ever.
- 3k admitted students for fall 2024 (freshmen and transfer)
- We had representation in both parades this week
- FAFSA issues are ongoing, but Enrollment Management is working to reassure parents and students.
- Five faculty led programs for summer study abroad
- Students will now be able to get their diplomas digitally
- Discover TAMIU activities continue to come in
- We have recently received money for the Closer than Ever program. We are working with Re-Up to recruit students from Laredo to return, and also students from other areas who may have some college hours and are now living in Laredo or surrounding areas. We also need to look at potentially awarding hours for work experience.

G. Zimmermann: Athletics Update

- Spring sports are in full swing
- Women's BB is in 4th place in the conference
- Men's BB is on a winning streak
- Spirit week was successful
- March 19 is next athletics staff meeting

H. Kazen: Faculty Senate

- Follett: faculty will now be responsible for ordering books
- SYL: new syllabus template will be launched in the coming year
- BB Ultra: will be launched in the summer
- Internal grants-Dr. Kilburn will address in the March Faculty Senate meeting

D. Berndt: Staff Senate

- Reminder that the nomination period for staff recognition is open. Application period closes at the end of the month.

SGA

- Feedback on BB Ultra for DEITC
- Working with SOLE office to support student organizations
- 5 SGA members going to College Station for student government meetings

Juan Castillo

- Deans and chairs need to communicate that all course materials should go through bookstore; faculty may not ask students to buy books outside the system. For any questions or problems, please email booksincluded@tamiu.edu

Rosalinda Garcia

- SOLE Summit will be this weekend. This might be cancelled due to low registration numbers.
- Please encourage students to complete Healthy Minds (JED) survey
- Huge uptick in students joining National Society of Leadership and Success
- Student travel fund for students traveling to conferences. About 145 students have been funded.

Claudia San Miguel

- Email sent to faculty concerning Follett and ordering textbooks
- All ARSSB deans have been on campus; offer is upcoming

Lola Norris

-New scholarship for graduate students to study abroad