

Executive Council

April 29, 2024

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Office of University Registrar

- focus on course registration, schedules, classroom assignments, transcripts, etc.
- office uses various software programs/portals
- shared roster certification dates
- graduation will be May 9 (950+ candidates)
- SYL will be piloted in Maymester

University Update: Pablo Arenaz

- system-wide our budget is 7.9 billion dollars
- we have 5.1 billion dollars in construction going on across the system
- interim charge of higher education subcommittee prior to next legislative session.
 - possible tightening of SB 17. Continue to look for DEI words in websites and job applications. PDFs may not show up so please check those closely. In addition, TAMIU website that referred to democratic engagement has been changed to civic engagement
 - some concern about SB 18 although Dr. Arenaz does not believe this will be an issue
 - the role of faculty and staff senates may be examined. No other information on this item
- 10 year renewal of HEAF (higher education assistance funds)
- presentation on campus free expression
 - must think about how we deal with free expression
 - need to review policies
 - must decide who in administration may speak on issues. If reporter asks for a quote, please ask contact Steve Harmon.
- Title IX regulations are out. There are some changes, but system will let us know what we need to do.
- Delinquent training-please make sure you are up to date.
 - Adjuncts who have not completed training by the end of semester cannot be rehired.
- Dr. Wilkinson reported on upcoming SACS Advisory visit
- Dr. Arenaz shared praise for student life, emerging leaders and athletic awards held over the weekend

Enrollment Update: Juan Garcia

- Report for summer and fall are attached
- On-site registration is ongoing
- Working on digitalizing transfer equivalencies
- FAFSA: On Tuesday, over 1000 students got financial aid awards
- 15% of students had financial aid errors which means they will need to correct their FAFSA
- Over 100 students are going abroad this summer
- Record breaking graduating class
- Testing center hours are extended during finals
- Large number of TRiO students are graduating
- Many school (middle school and elementary) tours are scheduled for May

Athletics: Griz Zimmerman

- Softball is finished
- Baseball will play in conference tournament
- Men's golf is finished; women will find out today if they make the Super Regional tournament
- Athletic awards ceremony was held on Sunday
- 31 student athletes are graduating in the spring (plus 8 last fall)
- New sports information director starts today
- In the process of finding volleyball and women's basketball coach
- Will host high school basketball all-star game
- Next staff meeting is May 14

DEI Audit: Monica Robledo

- Documents are still being requested
- Required to conduct DEI audit every year
- Please open PDFs on websites and search for DEI terms
- OGC is being very cautious. TAMU will be first large system to be audited in 2025 by state auditor
- Ms. Robledo office will be happy to present to any office regarding DEI audits. The stakes are high as we can lose state funding if we are not in compliance.

Staff Senate

- University finances presentation is today
- Staff recognition awards will be announced tomorrow

Faculty Senate

- Final “brunch” with the Provost will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 3-5.
- New senate will be seated on Friday, May 3

Dr. San Miguel

- This week is Global Advising Week
- Faculty mentoring program being launched

Mr. Juan Castillo

- Just wrapped up TAMIU Leadership program
- New dates will be announced soon
- Cohort size may increase

Ms. Rosalinda Garcia

- New SGA president and VP
- SACS 12.4 (complaint procedures). Must provide examples that procedures are being followed. If there is a complaint against a faculty member that is not a grade appeal and not Title IX, chairs and deans MUST follow procedure as outlined in the faculty handbook; procedure and resolution should be documented.