

Executive Council Meeting

August 22, 2023

9:30 am

I. University Update

- a. SB 17 (DEI): September 1 deadline has been postponed. System is working on guidelines and FAQ's. The presidents will be allowed to see FAQs prior to release.
- b. Revisions related to DEI have been sent to VPs.
- c. We are not sure how DEI laws will affect SACS, yet. As of now, TAMIU is in compliance with SACS requirements concerning DEI.
- d. There is a lot of latitude in the classroom concerning DEI, but faculty need to be careful about overstepping. Faculty should stick with course content. For example, if teaching College Algebra, faculty should not talk about politics.
- e. Jed Foundation (<https://jedfoundation.org>) will be doing mental health assessments on campus in Spring 2024 (students, faculty, and staff).
- f. We still have masks and COVID tests available.
- g. The system is collecting Wi-Fi plans to review.
- h. SB 1893 (prohibited technology). We are looking at how we can continue to use certain technologies that may be under review.
- i. Budget freezing tuition and fees has been approved.
- j. Upwardly Mobile: Transition from 2- to 4-year institutions: There are 5 schools that have high transfer enrollment. TAMIU is not included in this list.
 - i. TAMIU is one of the top institutions in the state to convert admissions into enrollment.
 - ii. TAMIU has room for improvement in getting transfers to apply and enroll.
 - iii. TAMUSA is being encouraged to take a bigger role for PSA students (students who have been provisionally accepted to TAMU but need to spend one year at a system school). Corpus is the biggest beneficiary of this program right now because many students end of staying rather than transferring to TAMU.
 - iv. Dr. Duffy suggested that RELLIS enrollment also needs to be considered.
 - v. Juan Garcia suggested degree programs need to be flexible given transfers may enroll in spring, fall, Maymester, etc.
 - vi. We need to make sure we are engaging transfer students and providing resources.

II. Enrollment Updates

- a. Please see attached
- b. Room assignments have been completed.
- c. Expect issues with DUO Monday (first class day). You may try to sign into BB using elearning.
- d. IT staff will be on hand to help out should something go wrong on Monday.

- e. Heat map (see attached). Deans should monitor when classes are offered, and departments need to communicate. Faculty do not control the schedule.
- f. Evening classes need to be split between earlier and later times so that students can take two classes on MW and two on TR.
- g. For spring, we need to consider flex-terms.
- h. STEM pathways was last week and was well attended
- i. El Metro will be on campus Thursday 9-1 to help facilitate bus passes for students.

III. Athletics

- a. Home schedules for volleyball and men's and women's soccer were distributed. Information is on the athletics website.
- b. Future Dustdevil sports camp 9/4 for children of employees
- c. Student athlete welcome back is on Sunday, August 27 at 6:00 pm.

IV. Mr. Castillo

- a. Elevator in BLK should be working by Friday.
- b. Salary letters for faculty will be emailed. Staff affected by paygrade updates will also receive a letter.

V. Ms. Garcia

- a. Working on upcoming Dusty Camp
- b. Saturday is transfer orientation event
- c. Welcome Week has been planned.
- d. Students will still be asked to report COVID cases.

VI. Faculty Senate

- a. There are some University Committee appointments that need to be updated. They will be sent out soon.

VII. Staff Senate

- a. Daniel Berndt was introduced as new Staff Senate President
- b. Staff senate, faculty senate and SGA will have regular meetings.

Calendar Items

Dusty Camp VI	August 24; 10:00 am; Recital Hall
Fall First Class Day	August 28
Partnership TAMIU Signing Ceremony	August 30; 12:00; STC Rotunda
CABchella and Fireworks	Sept 1; 6:30 pm; ZSC Green
Freshman Celebration	Sept 8; 3:30 pm; KCB Gym
University Convocation	Oct 5; 3:00pm; FPA Recital Hall