

Provost's Council
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AIC 382

L. Norris—Graduate School

- Pathways Symposium has changed to a conference for career preparedness, with networking sessions. No longer a conference to present research. Limited to graduate students and only 10 students per campus (see attached).

Presentation: Core Curriculum and Writing Intensive Assessments, from the Office of Institutional Assessment, Research, and Planning

- Data is collected anonymously so that TAMIU can better serve students
- Inconsistency in the assessment data over time is due to attrition and turnover in the office
- Rubrics for assessing core courses are available on the website, and the office can provide guidance on how to apply the rubrics
- Discussion ensued about the data and the assessment process. A central question emerged: how is the data being used?
- According to the data, students are excellent writers in WIN courses across the curriculum. There could be multiple reasons for this.

C. San Miguel—Updates from Board of Regents

- Commerce is changing its name to East Texas A&M
- Proclamation was made about Dr. Arenaz
- Mr. Castillo is now our Interim President
- A lot of discussion about minors at College Station and how those decisions came about
- Minors are being assessed at TAMIU in a more thorough manor
 - A policy will need to be instituted to assess minors. The intent is to assess them the way majors are assessed currently.
- There was a discussion about who owns materials that are put into learning management systems
- Other institutions are also assessing faculty sufficiency. Information about TAMIU should be forthcoming

L. Perez-Batres (SSB)—Coursera

- This initiative began during the summer. There are 5 campuses engaged currently. Over 275 students actively taking the courses. Looking for a better response in Spring. Other colleges can participate, it is not exclusive to SSB.
- There is another software package called Sutable that can manage badges and credentials

M. Ynalvez & J. O'Meara—Google Certification

- There are 350 licenses spread throughout the university. They offer 9 courses, some of them are very advanced (equivalent to 12 SCH) and demanding. There's a course on AI essentials that is general for all students that will be promoted.

Ad Astra—Course Mapping

- TAMIU will be a part of the pilot program for the course mapping scheduling platform that is offered by Ad Astra

C. San Miguel—What is TAMIU going to be known for?

- Logistics & Trade? Bilingual/Multilingual? Border identity? Rural/public health?
- Once we identify what we're known for, that will direct faculty hires to address what we're offering or to attract distinguished professors
- We are the premier institution in the system for student persistence rates
- Discussion was opened to the floor
- The Office of the Provost would like to, over the summer, incentivize faculty to publish policy papers to a centralized website for areas of focus

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