**9/4/17**

**TAMIU Executive Council**

**Juan Garcia**

Gave an update on the development of the electronic catalog. The program they are using is Course Leaf. This program is interactive with Banner and changes can be propagated to the web version of the catalog. It can print out a well formatted PDF. Provides a notice of classes that have never been updated to Banner and other conflicts. The new catalog has just been published (Sept 1), which is very late compared with normal years.

A new catalog change form will be used this year that has the same format as CIM, which is another Course Leaf program. Ultimately, all catalog changes will be dealt with electronically.

**Pablo Arenaz**

Executive council will meet from now on not weekly but biweekly

Dr. Arenaz discussed the trip he took to College Station a few weeks pass for the Texas A&M Board of Regents meeting. The regents plan to restructure their meetings focusing more time on program review and less on budget.

By October we will find out how much we can increase tuition and fees. This fall the tuition and fees are up 1.8% compared the previous year.

Discussion of the new Texas A&M system Rellis campus. Much remains unclear regarding the administration of this unit. TAMIU will offer two programs (BASS CJ and a business certificate). System wide there are a total of fourteen programs.

There are new guidelines for speeches on campus. The goal is to determine if there is a potential for violence.

In Fall 2019 TAMIU will join the Lonestar conference.

The State is establishing a study committee to look at formula funding. Their mandate is to examine the formula structure which includes special item funding. Deliberations are supposed to begin on September 15 but no one has been appointed to this committee.

The Systems Engineering program received ABET accreditation for six years going forward. This accreditation is retroactively applied to students who graduated as far back as October 2015.

The Chancellor’s summit will force the executive council to meet next on September 25.

**Minita Raminez**

Enrollment for the fall semester is up by about 5% (see attachment). Our current budget is based on this 5% increase.

There are 303 students on the zero-pay list. We need to get all of these students to pay.

We need to be careful about what we say about students that potentially might be dreamers in light of President’s Trump likely change in policy. Steve Harman has crafted a standard statement and if asked about this issue we should refer people to his office.

**Rosanne Palacios**

Faculty-Staff Challenge is ongoing. Institutional Advancement is making videos to show the impact of funding raised.

**Gilbert Zimmermann**

TAMIU recently hosted a cross-country meet. Women’s volleyball started at 0-4 whereas women soccer is 1-0. They will play St. Mary Tuesday (9/5/17) at 7 pm.