

## Executive Council Meeting

April 1, 2024

9:00 am

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### **M. Granados/J. Vasquez: Office of Recruitment**

- Onsite registration has begun
- Scholarship and housing initiatives
- Summer initiatives
- Transfer student initiatives

### **P. Arenaz: University Update**

-FAFSA issues still have not been resolved. The System is sending out letters to reassure students. Dates to complete FAFSA have been extended.

-We are fully functional on April 8 (eclipse). We are not dismissing class.

-Groundbreaking for new building on Friday. Groundbreaking will be near softball fields

-Governor put out an Executive Order that all public institutions must put out a statement on anti-Semitism. System will create the statement.

-New program idea updates

- o -COED: Doctoral programs
- o -CNHS: Clinical Lab Science; Physical Therapy; DNP (Doctorate of Nursing Practice); MPH; Masters in KINE; Speech Therapy
- o COAS: PhD in Psychology, Masters in ENGR; expand physics to a major (potential System consortium); expand astronomy offerings; MFA in Fine Arts (printmaking); Music is looking into various aspects of music MFA; environmental humanities, border studies
- o ARSSB: Banking concentration within BBA; DBA program (Doctorate in Business Administration)

-SACS update from Dr. Wilkinson. He feels comfortable with the progress we are making.

-QEP co-chairs are Bernice Sanchez, Alfredo Addo-Mensah, Debbie Lelekis

-Conversation about boosting community engagement and our credit hour production. State law allows people over 65 to take classes tuition free. We have not marketed this before. There are some caveats. The course must have space, for example. How could we market to this group of people? Suggestions included local history; fine arts; languages, literature; philosophy, etc.

-Suggestions to alleviate traffic coming into campus. Perhaps contract with LC to use their South Campus to offer courses for students who live in that area. Another possibility is bussing from a central parking lot in the city. Hybrid courses are also under discussion as are staggered staff and class schedules.

### **J.G. Garcia: Enrollment Update**

- Biggest spring enrollment in history
- Registration opened today. Scheduler was down but has been fixed.
- Financial Aid-upgrade on latest patch is in production.
- Discover TAMIU is scheduled for Saturday. 174 activities. Program will be sent out today or tomorrow.

### **G. Zimmerman: Athletics Update**

- Softball, baseball, and golf are ongoing
- Volleyball coach has resigned
- Hiring new sports information director
- April 16 will be next athletics staff meeting
- April 28-Athletics Banquet

### **H. Kazen: Faculty Senate**

- Wrapping up the semester with one more Conversation with the President and Brunch with Provost
- Elections in May
- Pending items for handbook will go to faculty vote in April/May and September

### **D. Berndt: Staff Senate**

- Senate is hosting eclipse watch party
- Staff recognition awardees
- Book scholarship winners
- Planning a staff game night in May
- Annual bowl-a-thon in June

### **C. San Miguel: Provost**

- Sent out emails to students with Ds, Fs and FNs to seek services
- Mariachi festival in April
- Rhizome also in April

**J. Castillo: VP Admin and Finance**

-TED is May 17. Theme is Generations

-DEI: anything going out **should not** include these terms

**R. Garcia: VPSE**

-500 volunteers at Big Event

-SGA election cycle has begun

-Flu clinics and blood drive are this week and next week

-STI testing for students will also be next week