

Executive Council
May 13, 2024
9:00 am

R. Urrutia; A. Gonzalez; I. Cruz: International Education; TRiO STEM; TRiO

- International Engagement
 - International Student Services
 - Study Abroad
 - International Student Travel
 - Events
 - Study Abroad
 - Cultural
 - Collaborations
 - Passport Services
- TRiO STEM (first-generation, low-income, and/or students with disabilities within STEM and Nursing and Health Science majors)
 - Mentoring
 - Faculty Mentoring
 - Advising
- TRiO (first-generation, low-income, and/or students with disabilities)
 - Funded by US Department of Education
 - Support Services Program
 - Tutoring
 - Academic Coaching
 - Personal Counseling
 - Financial Literacy
 - Objectives: Retention, good academic standing, graduation

P. Arenaz: University Updates

- Graduation
 - Positive feedback on streaming
 - Please email any feedback to Mr. Castillo
 - Next fall commencement speaker: Pati Jinich
- Regent Baggett will be here Wednesday (May 15)
- TED will be on Friday (May 17)
- Summer hours pilot June 3-August 9
 - 8:00-5:30 Monday-Thursday with 30-minute lunch
 - 8:00-12:00 on Fridays
 - Some changes in schedule to accommodate holidays
 - Check TAMIU Insider for more details

- SACS
 - Dr. Arenaz is seriously concerned about where we are. A third of standards have not been written. The deadline is **May 24** to get everything written and uploaded.
- Board Meeting updates
 - In the last session, Lt. Governor got a bill passed for construction of natural gas electrical plants in order to avoid a grid meltdown. There is a possibility that TAMIU would be considered as a location for one of these small plants.
 - System is studying university turnover rates for faculty. At TAMIU, we are at 6-7%, which is in the middle of system universities. Our staff turnover is 22%, which is also in the middle. There is nothing unusual in our turnover rates compared to other universities in the System.
 - New Title IX regulations are out; the State of Texas will likely challenge
 - OGC will provide us with a template concerning free expression and antisemitism.
 - SB 17 discussion-Audit is being wrapped up.
 - FAFSA-30% decrease in applications nationwide
 - System is working on AI regulations (ethical procedure rules)
- SAT/ACT as admission requirements discussion
 - No university in the system requires SAT or ACT for admission. TAMIU requires scores for admission for anyone below 40th percentile.
 - TAMU did a study among students who took SAT/ACT vs those who did not. There was really no difference in success rates (GPA) between the groups.
- Nursing data
 - Some concerns in the system about being able to supply nurses across the state.
 - TAMIU is 4th in the system in producing nurses.
- Request for student surveys (system level)
 - Discussion about using AI or chatbot.
- 7.3-billion-dollar system budget

J. Garica: Enrollment Updates

- Good numbers for fall and summer
- Pace of registration has been tremendous
- End of term should be finalized today.
 - Probation and suspension students
 - May impact registration numbers
- Transfer numbers are up
- Financial aid for summer has been awarded
- Registration and recruitment events continue
- Extension of Testing Center hours was successful
- CAMP grant (5 year) has been funded. This grant helps fund migrant students.

H. Kazen: Faculty Senate

- New Executive Committee
 - President: Hayley Kazen
 - VP: Kate Houston
 - Secretary: Andrew Hazelton
 - Elections Officer/Parliamentarian: Malynda Dalton
- Three documents passed Senate and will be up for faculty vote in September
 - Fixed-Term Faculty growth plan for those who score below 3 on annual evaluation
 - Reclassification policy
 - Early Tenure policy

D. Berndt: Staff Senate

- Election process will begin this month
- Thursday will be staff field day (4:00-7:00 in WHTC). More information will be available tomorrow.

R. Palacios

- Celebration of Life is May 21

R. Garcia: Student Engagement

- Orientations being held in July; invitations for events are forthcoming
- Students may purchase Bridge for access to health and counseling services if they are enrolled for fall but not attending summer school
- Telus can be accessed in the summer as long as students are enrolled for fall. Graduates have access for 90 days.
- Food pantry available in the summer as long as students are enrolled in fall
- 2 week pass for qualified employees who have never used rec center
- Lactation pod coming