

Executive Council Meeting

September 25, 2023

9:00 AM

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**Dr. Arenaz: University Updates**

Senate Bill 17 FAQs will go out Tuesday, 9/26.

October 5: Flu and Covid boosters will be available between 10-1 in the FPA lobby. A registration link will be sent out.

The mission statement was tweaked (teaching, learning, scholarship) last Thursday; it will go to the Board of Regents in the February meeting.

There are three pieces of legislation related to students who are parents. Parenting issues fall under the category of excused absences (sick children, etc). Students who are parents will be allowed to register early. We need to have a parent liaison; this will come from Rosalinda Garcia's area.

Staff has been using maxient (Report It) to file complaints rather than EthicsPoint. There is a process for filing a grievance, and it should go through EthicsPoint. Complaints may also be filed with HR or the Office of Compliance. In addition, staff should not be referred to BAIT. If staff needs intervention, it should go through HR. BAIT is for students.

Every two weeks between now and the first week of September 2024, Dr. Arenaz will be focusing on SACS. We have less than a year. Everything must be packaged by the end of August 2024, so reports must be done by June.

Dr. Ramirez has been named Dean of University College.

Two things need to be prepared for the legislative session. Our Capital Request will be a new nursing building. Dr. Arenaz would like to start gathering ideas for our Legislation Appropriation Request. Please send any ideas to Dr. Arenaz. Perhaps it is possible to tie in the LAR to our new QEP.

**Juan Garcia: Enrollment Updates**

Enrollment is higher than last year; 8499 students as of this morning, but 20<sup>th</sup> day drops are occurring. We still have the largest freshman class and an increase in transfers. Refunds went out last week (9.5 million dollars).

TAMIU flex courses-both graduate and undergraduate- have increased our base year numbers. The Office of the Provost will review the course schedule to assess which classes can have a flex start in Spring 24. February 1 will be the lex start date. Contact hours will be adjusted to reflect late start time.

Course schedule should be finalized by 10/13; book orders due 10/20.

**Griz Zimmermann: Athletics**

Fall sports are well underway. Conference play is upcoming.

Tennis complex has gotten the transformer.

October 17: Maroon Madness 6:00 pm

**SGA**

President's Council-support for student orgs that will help build connections.

Student appointees have been made for university committees.

Committee looking into accessibility issues.

Voter registration drives will be ongoing.

**Faculty Senate**

Conversation with President last week. Over 20 attendees discussed intellectual property; Dr. Arenaz will follow up with remaining questions.

Brunch with the Provost: October 6; invite will go out this week. Topic will be new degrees/programs.

Senate collective: Meets monthly (SGA, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate)

**Staff Senate**

Meet and Greet with Staff Senate and Faculty Senate last week.

SS is focusing on recognizing and supporting the work of staff.

**Rosanne Palacios**

One pay period away from concluding Viva campaign. We need another big push to finish the campaign.

**Rosalinda Garcia**

Must identify parents and guardians of children. Student Engagement will be sending out a survey to identify parents/guardians.

Wellness Week events this week

SOLE talks; leadership programs are gearing up.

**Juan Castillo**

Staff evaluations due 10/13.

Merit worksheets will go out Monday. Amount of merit pay will be reflected on the December 1 pay; people who got a promotion are ineligible for merit. People who changed pay grade are also ineligible.

Revenue estimate will be released in October. Revenues have continued to outpace projections. Recession is being removed as a threat.

Please encourage everyone to vote in both primary and general elections.