The president’s executive council met today to discuss a series of agenda items impacting our university. The following is a summary of that meeting.

**Civil Rights Compliance—Mrs. Lisa Paul**
The meeting began with a presentation by Lisa Paul, compliance officer, regarding employee obligations under the Title IX Act of the Education Amendments of 1972. Lisa explained that, as a governmental agency that uses federal funds for its operations, we are bound by all of the requirements of this act. According to Texas A&M University System Policy, “all employees are responsible for ensuring their work and educational environments are free from illegal discrimination, sexual harassment and related retaliation. When alleged or suspected discrimination, sexual harassment or retaliation is experienced or observed by or made known to an employee, the employee is responsible for reporting that information.”

Lisa explained that it is crucial for any employee to report any claim that is made by anyone to the appropriate university official(s) and not disregard the claim or investigate it, but rather report it immediately. To report, the university has a Title IX coordinator, committee, and a committee chair who are responsible for investigating these claims. The university committee chair for these types of complaints is Mr. Gerardo Alva. Attached, you will find a copy of the Texas A&M University System Policy regarding Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance.

For more information, please contact either Mrs. Lisa Paul in the Office of Compliance, or Mr. Jerry Alva, associate vice-president for student affairs.

**Joint Degree Programs—Dr. John Kilburn**
The meeting continued with a presentation by John Kilburn regarding a recent agreement between Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) and the Texas A&M Rural Public Health School. For some time, both universities had been working on an agreement that would allow our students to seek degrees in public health through a collaborative between Texas A&M University at College Station and TAMIU. This agreement has now been finalized, and both universities are ready to begin to deliver the courses. The first set of courses is set to begin in the Summer Sessions of 2014. John explained that this joint academic venture will provide great opportunities for students seeking to work in the health fields other than medicine and nursing.

**Enrollment—Mrs. Gina González**
Gina provided the most recent information regarding enrollment. Tomorrow, Tuesday, February 18, 2014, marks the 20th class day, and all tuition and fees are required to be paid in full. Any student who has not paid will be dropped for non-payment. A brief summary of enrollment data included a total of 6898 students enrolled with 5871 of those paid, 35 have paid partially, and 121 have made no payment. Attached, you will find a report with the most current enrollment data.

Faculty are encouraged to remind all students that tomorrow is the deadline to pay. Final enrollment data will be shared at the next meeting of the executive council.
Washington’s Birthday Association Celebration (WBCA)—Dr. Ray M. Keck, Dr. Minita Ramírez, and Mrs. Candy Hein
Dr. Keck elaborated on the importance of the relationship between TAMIU and the City of Laredo and the economic benefits of such a relationship. In recent years, governmental organizations have found themselves constrained by financial shortfalls so working to develop strong organizational relationships is important.

To accomplish this, Minita spoke about some of the recent WBCA events that have taken place on campus as a means of strengthening our relationship with the City of Laredo. Some included events such as the viewing of the documentary Las Marthas which will be televised this evening on PBS. The details of the documentary and the event were featured on the front page of today’s Laredo Morning Times.

Murray State—Dr. Ray M. Keck
Dr. Keck reminded the council that on February 24-27th he would be visiting Murray State University as part of a SACS reaffirmation on site-team. In addition to providing the service to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the experience will also allow him to gain an insight into the current areas of emphasis for SACS as we continue to move forward with our own preparation for the reaffirmation process.

Athletics—Mr. Griz Zimmerman
Griz provided the council with an update of recent athletic events and anticipated events. Both women’s and men’s teams are on the road. Depending on their performance on these events, TAMIU could be hosting playoff tournaments during the first few days in March. A convoy of chartered busses will be heading to Austin to support the student-athletes as they play against St. Edward’s University.

Mr. South Texas Luncheon—Dr. Ray Mr. Keck
Dr. Keck reminded the council that our chancellor would be in town on Saturday to attend the Mr. South Texas Luncheon at the Laredo Country Club. This year, the Mr. South Texas Association is honoring Mr. Renato Ramírez, president of IBC Bank in Zapata and other branches. Mr. Ramírez is a TAMIU donor who has made significant financial gifts that have had a positive impact on our students’ education. Mr. Ramírez is being honored as Mr. South Texas for his philanthropy.

With that, the council adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.