The following notes are brought to you on behalf of the Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) Faculty Senate.

The President’s Executive Council met yesterday to discuss a series of agenda (see attachment A) items impacting our university. The following is a summary of the discussion of those items.

### TAMIU: An Alliance for Good—Ms. Mayra Hernandez

The meeting began with a presentation by Mayra Hernandez, director for the Office of Student Conduct and Community Engagement (SCCE), regarding several new initiatives from that office. First, the SCCE developed a new training module focused on informing the university community regarding student issues relating to academic integrity. The Academic Integrity Module will be implemented this fall.

Additionally, Mayra introduced the Green Dot Bystander Training. According to the presentation, this training is “an interactive training designed to equip participants with the necessary connections knowledge and skills to increase their proactive and reactive bystander behaviors.”

Finally, Mayra announced that, recently, their office was approved to become an agency that has authority to award the President of the United States Volunteer Service Award. To be eligible to earn such an award, TAMIU students must present proof of completing a range of community volunteer hours in approved organizations. The awards that students are eligible to receive range from a bronze level to a gold level, and each level is achieved through the accumulation and earning of community service hours. Mayra stated that the eligibility and the authority to grant such an award, not only, gives students an opportunity to learn about the value of providing service to their community, but also, provides legitimacy and serves to authenticate the volunteer work that students will complete (see attachment B).

### SACSCOC and WEAVEonline submission deadline—Dr. Kevin Lindberg and Mrs. Mary Trevino

The university is approaching the deadline to submit all required documents for our upcoming Southern Association of Colleges and Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaccreditation process. According to Dr. Lindberg, 37 standards within a series of many more standards remain unanswered or no response has been submitted by the departments and academic units responsible for those standards. The deadline to complete the submission for these items is July 15th. Dr. Lindberg stated that an email message will be sent to those responsible for pending items. The final SACSCOC submission is due in early September.

### Memorial Service for Dr. Rafael Lecuona—Dr. Keck

A memorial service was held in the Student Center Ballroom yesterday at 6:00 p.m. for Dr. Rafael Lecuona, professor emeritus at TAMIU. Dr. Lecuona taught political science in the College of Arts and Sciences for approximately 36 years. During his tenure, he served in a number of different roles, displaying his dedication to students, the College of Arts and Sciences,
Dr. Lecuona retired in 2002 and earned the rank of professor emeritus. Many council members who knew and worked with him at TAMIU recalled fond memories and shared anecdotes of Dr. Lecuona’s tenure at TAMIU.

**Harvard Latino Leadership Initiative—Dr. Ray M. Keck**
The president provided a quick recap of last week’s activities relating to the Harvard Latino Leadership Initiative that was held on our campus. Dr. Keck stated that the students who participated in the event had the opportunity to experience a range of events and academic activities that had an impact on their cognitive and social-emotional dimensions as they relate to the development of their leadership skills. The student participants represented a number of different universities from across the United States, and they had the opportunity to listen to and interact with several university faculty such as Dr. Mark Menaldo and state leaders like Dr. Judith Zaffirini, among many others.

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)—Dr. Ray M. Keck**
Dr. Keck explained that at a recent meeting with several representatives from the THECB the university hit a snag regarding the future allocation of funds for Tuition Revenue Bonds (TRBs) related to the construction of a building for the petroleum engineering program as well as other financial allocations relating to this program. Dr. Keck informed the council that he would be meeting with Chancellor Sharp this Wednesday to discuss these issues and to see what approach the university needs to take to put the university in a better position to earn a TRB at the next Texas Legislative Session for this and other related academic programs.

**Job Analysis Questionnaire and Position Description Questionnaire—Mr. Juan Castillo**
TAMIU, like all universities in the system, is going through an efficiency study. As part of this process, many university administrators are being required to complete what are known in the human resource industry as Job Analysis Questionnaires for each employee position that they supervise. These questionnaires are designed to try to capture the skills, knowledge, responsibilities, credentials as well as the percentage of time that incumbents spend daily performing the duties that are required in their respective jobs. To help complete this process, administrators can juxtapose the current position description questionnaire (PDQ) with the job analysis questionnaire to attempt to accurately capture incumbents’ job responsibilities. Several council members shared that the process of completing these questionnaires was not a simple one, and Dr. Keck highly stressed that the completion of these was mandated by the system and completing them by the deadline was required and not optional.

**Faculty Visitors from Manabí—Dr. Pablo Arenaz**
Dr. Arenaz informed council members that a group of faculty from Universidad Tecnica de Manabí would be in residence at TAMIU for a period of eight weeks to complete an immersion program in the English language. The partnership was forged several months ago in a trip in which Dr. Arenaz visited the Republic of Ecuador for the purpose of exploring the possibility of establishing a campus and/or solicit interest in our academic programs.

**Enrollment—Dr. Minita Ramirez**
The meeting ended with a review of the weekly enrollment report that Dr. Minita Ramirez presents to council members. Please see attachments C, D, and E.
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