The president’s executive council met this morning to discuss a series of agenda items impacting our university. The following is a summary of the discussion of those items.

Recap of Previous Week’s Events—Dr. Keck
The meeting began with the president providing a quick recap of the previous week’s events. He provided everyone with a brief summary of the discussions that took place between the Texas Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Raymund Paredes, and several of the groups that he met. Some of those represented included deans, vice-presidents, and faculty senate members. A sample of topics discussed included degree program development trends, financial constraints impacting universities, student retention issues, and faculty student mentoring and advising programs. During his visit, the commissioner also shared some book titles that are currently relevant and that help to address some of the above stated issues. Those book titles and authors were Claude M. Steele’s, *Whistling Vivaldi*; Carol S. Dweck’s, *Self Theories and MindSet: The New Psychology of Success*; and Amanda Ripley’s, *The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way*. Overall, the commissioner’s visit was perceived to be productive and successful.

The president also shared with the council the A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business’s distinguished lecture series that brought Dr. Shannon O’Neil to TAMIU, author of *Two Nations Indivisible: Mexico, the United States, and the Road Ahead*. Her visit ended with a lecture on Wednesday evening that drew a crowd of several hundred participants and was considered to be a very successful event.

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) 2013-2014 Compliance Update—Lisa Paul
Lisa provided the council with a set of documents (see attached) related to the annual risk management process called Enterprise Risk Management that, “is used to methodically address risk with the goal of achieving sustained benefit to the organization and the minimization of negative consequences to the organization.” She explained that the A&M System requires each university to complete an annual study of perceived risks. This study is to be completed by all departments throughout TAMIU. One university report is then compiled for TAMIU and submitted to the Texas A&M University System. All reports need to be submitted on the attached template. In the past, she explained, the findings of these reports have led to the refinement of internal processes and in some cases the addition of personnel to deal perceived risk management threats. For example, in the recent past, new processes were created for handling NCAA issues, export controls, annual evaluations, and other academic issues. All departments must complete and submit their respective reports by December 01, 2013. All compliance related questions should be addressed to our compliance officer, Mrs. Lisa Paul, in the President’s Office.

CSPAN Bus Tour—Mr. Steve Harmon
Steve announced that the television program CSPAN would be visiting TAMIU this week through their bus tour initiative. As part of their visit, CSPAN will be traveling in a 45 foot mobile TV production studio and demonstration center that allows students to gain an idea of
news media production. The bus will also make a brief stop at the LISD and TAMIU Early College High School to give students an opportunity to experience a traveling national news studio and the work that is required in the news media production process.

**Early Voting—Mr. Steve Harmon**
Steve also informed the council of this week’s early voting events taking place at TAMIU. TAMIU will host an early voting site at the Western Hemispheric Trade Center (WHTC) Foyer on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.

**Early Registration—Mrs. Gina Gonzalez**
Gina informed the council that the general early registration period begins on Monday, November 04, 2013, with special group registration beginning on October 31st through November 01st. Special group early registration will be available for seniors, honors’ students, student athletes, students who are veterans, and Early College High School students. The council was also informed that Mr. Juan G. Garcia, university registrar and Dr. Kristen Standage, director of the Advising and Mentoring Center would be conducting advising trainings to ensure success in the student registration period.

**Graduate and Professional School Fair—Ms. Cassandra Wheeler**
Cassandra informed the council of the Graduate and Professional School Fair that will be taking place on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Center Rotunda First and Second Floors. This event is part of the Office of Career Services Campus to Careers Goal. Please see attachment for additional details.

**Faculty Senate Update**
I provided a brief update to the council on the faculty’s response to the president’s Spring 2014 Faculty Assembly that will host Mr. Jeffrey Selingo who will be speaking about his recent book, *College (Un)Bound*. I shared with the council that several faculty have made inquiries about the book’s availability through the library as well as to make suggestions regarding the assembly’s format. I shared with the council, as one such example, that Dr. Kamal D. Parhizgar, professor of management in the A. R. Sanchez, Jr., School of Business had made a suggestion to hold a faculty panel discussion in the afternoon after the author’s presentation in the morning.

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