# Executive Council Meeting Monday March 31st, 2025 1:00pm KL 270

## 1. University Update – Castillo

- a. The presidential search committee has been named. This is to select our new president. The search will start this Friday, on campus.
- b. We have received our portrait of Dr. Arenaz. We will plan the unveiling Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-11:30am at the Colonnade. It will remain there through Celebration of Life which is right after Commencement. Then it will find its permanent home in the hallway leading into the great room, where we will move all the other presidential portraits.

#### c. Dr. Gonzalez: SACSCOC update:

i. I will let you know if there are any updates, so far everything is going on track.

ii. If the committee members ask you a question, it is the question you want answered and not anything extra you want to provide. If you know someone is struggling beside you, please help them out. If you know that someone has an example and they can better provide it with context than you, ask them to give that example to the committee. If anyone asks you for documentation or files or data, tell them I will talk to Ari [Dr. Gonzalez] the liaison and she will get you that information.

iii. Those folks that have interviews the first part of the afternoon, I will be texting to see what some of those questions were- that way I can provide that information for people that have interviews later in the afternoon. I am curious what are they asking about QEP and to provide that information for people who have interviews later or Wednesday. Mayra Hernandez: Can we take laptops to the interview? Ari: Yes, if they ask you for data make sure you don't share anything Gill: So again, if they ask faculty for documentation, we will say we will give that to our liaison Ari [Dr. Gonzalez] and she will get that to you. Dr. Gonzalez: Yes

## 2. Enrollment Update – Garcia

- a. Enrollment is looking good.
- b. Discover TAMIU was a success [discussion was had on comments for improvement next year]

## 3. Athletic Update – Zimmerman

a. This Friday, 4/4, the final four for men's basketball will be in San Antonio this weekend. On Friday, our mascot Dusty has been invited to participate in the All-Star game. It is a great thing for our mascot to be a part of, and they invited a couple dozen mascots from universities around. It will be a free event, free parking, and a lot of concerts.

- b. This Saturday we will have the Veterans Alumni Association sponsoring Veteran Appreciation Day. It starts at 1:00 if you know anyone that is a veteran. Please come and be there by 12:30 for the veterans to be recognized before the game.
- c. We have 4 games against TAMUK for softball and 4 games against TAMUK for baseball.
- d. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the next staff meeting. Anyone is invited to come and if you have anything you want to share, please let me know or ask me to put on agenda.
- e. Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Student Athlete Banquet. It will begin at 6:30pm.

#### 4. Other updates:

- a. Dr. O'Meara: For the nursing search, there is a group of finalists that will be coming in next week to meet with the deans, the provost, and the president. The candidates that we have are strong candidates.
- b. Dr. San Miguel: I made a verbal offer to a sole finalist on Friday for the Director of Physical Therapy position. Mr. Castillo: That program will start in the Fall of 2026.
- c. Chelelo: Registration opens next week.
- d. Mr. Castillo: The Phi Kappa Phi Induction ceremony is at 8:30 on April 5th.
- e. Mr. Castillo: As we discussed, on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-11:15 or so, we will have the unveiling of the portrait of Dr. Arenaz. More to come on that.
- f. Dr. Perez-Batres: The annual ARSSB Western Hemispheric Trade Conference will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> -April 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be three speakers.
- g. Dr. Norris: April 7<sup>th</sup> April 11<sup>th</sup> will be Graduate Student Appreciation Week.
- h. Dr. Harris: The library survey has been launched to the list serv. All faculty, staff, and students should receive it. Please encourage them to take this survey.