

TAMIU Executive Council
Monday March 17th, 2025
1:00-2:30pm
KL 270

I. Presentation given from Student Health Services staff: They gave an overview about the Student Health Services department and how they service students. The following was discussed as a part of this presentation:

a. The mission and healthcare services including preventative and wellness services, clinical services, and health education and support services.

b. Service utilization at Student Health Services and top reasons for visits to the Student Health Services: flu immunizations, TB testing, cold and flu symptoms, women's health visits, STI testing, rash/other skin conditions, gastrointestinal symptoms, first aid care, and earache/ear problems

c. Top Trends in College Health: access to virtual healthcare (digital healthcare solutions and tracking apps), the importance of preventive health (enforcing healthy habits and preventative measures including screening measures, and the convergence of physical and mental health (addressing the interconnectedness of the body)

d. Outreach initiatives: Purpose of Student Health Services is to help educate students on medical history, medications, and to disclose this to physicians. These are some of the outreach initiatives for students: chronic diseases and preventative health screenings, sexual health education and awareness substance use and prevention, health promotion through digital platforms, and mindfulness activities

2. University Update - Juan Castillo

a. Dr. Houston has resigned her position as faculty senate president based on some of the actions of the trump administration. Mr. Castillo thanked Dr. Houston for her service to faculty senate.

b. Senator Creighton has filed Senate Bill 37. It is still very early on, there will be changes and we will see what changes might impact us. Bills can no longer be filed for this legislative session.

c. The Department of Education released a letter on March 14th. With all the cuts, it addressed the worries. They said FAFSA will not be impacted, financial aid, MSIs will also not be impacted. That is their stated position. They are shifting some of these functions to other offices. As far as financial aid goes, it is business as usual on that front.

d. There is also OGC clarification on the dear colleague letter and the FAQs. Because of the state's DEI law from the last session and the governor's executive order, there are not any changes to how we are doing things now. Cultural event celebrations, Hispanic Heritage Month, all of that continues. Things can be discussed in the classroom without concern. The two factors they point out are: 1. Being open to all. This means student organizations must be open to everyone 2. In the classroom, it cannot cross the line into creating a hostile classroom environment. Short of that, it is business as usual despite the issuance of this dear colleague letter.

3. Enrollment update - Chelelo

a. Spring headcount discussed. We have the highest enrollment and highest ever spring semester credit hours. [Please see attachments]

b. April 7th is the first day of early registration for some groups. Students should know what to register for, if we put a hold on students' schedules, we need to make sure we tell students. We will be at LC for transfer day.

d. Discover TAMIU is on Saturday March 29th. Activities will be from 11am -3pm. One hundred and forty-five plus activities and some have been added and some from outside agencies

e. Please tell chairs it's time to start working on special accommodations for the testing center, if you need an entire class to be tested or a particular lab, they should start working on this.

4. Athletic Update

a. We have a staff meeting tomorrow, anyone is welcome to attend. And anyone is welcome to attend staff meetings monthly. If you want to get information out to coaches this is the time to come because the coaches will be present at these staff meetings.

b. Softball has home games this week. Friday there is a game against St Mary's and Sunday there is a game against St. Edwards. There is a larger event on Sunday. There will be poster signing after the game by the softball team.

c. Baseball will be on the road at Angelo State University. Men and women's golf will be on the road as well. April 5th is our baseball game, and the baseball series is that weekend. On that Saturday, we are partnering with SGA and we have alumni, the events are very well attended. We are also reaching out to veteran organizations. Different veteran organizations will have pop up booths and resources.

d. We have our student athletes awards banquet coming up on April 28th. Our save the date and invite is coming up soon, the executive committee is invited. The theme will be casino night. We are working on the logistics for that event.

5. Graduate School Enrollment -Dr. Norris

a. Graduate school has reached more than 1800 students registered in a semester for the first time. We have now (for the second year in a row) more students registered in the spring semester than the fall. Our summers have also grown.

b. The Graduate Student Open House was successful. We have fewer students that came in person but we waived the graduate application fee, so we have more students applying. We had 86 attendees at the graduate student open house in the spring- two weeks ago. We had 74 applications that were submitted. Forty-four applications were from Risepoint programs and 30 were from face-to-face programs.

c. We will host a graduate school appreciation week April 7th -11th with different events, more information to come.

6. Mayra Hernandez

a. We held an A&M System meeting with Dr. Gibson. She asked what universities are doing with AI. She asked how we leveraged AI on the staff side so we can become more competitive in our everyday tasks.

b. We discussed when the new chancellor begins, probably in May but for sure by June 1st. They are planning a new chancellor meeting with presidents of councils- SGA, faculty, and staff and they will be doing rounds with the universities. They asked us to start getting ready. They asked us three things we want the chancellor to focus on the first year- for the system and the university. We were told the first marching order for the new chancellor is the presidential search for this institution.

7. Castillo

a. Our new chancellor is Glenn Hegar, the current state comptroller. He will be presenting virtually at IBC on Wednesday and there will be a lunch and a program from noon to one. We would like to have representation. [names were solicited for this lunch meeting]

b. I met with the recruiters. A search firm has been identified, Anthem. They conducted the search for Tarleton and they asked me a question that I will ask this group: If you were trying to sell someone on the job here, what would you say?

[Comments from the executive council were solicited for this part of the discussion.]

There will be more to come on the search, but it has begun.

c. I attended the chancellor's century council. It was comprised largely of donors and business partners. They give us a day and a half of their time to present what is happening in the system. They were truly interested in hearing what our universities were doing.

8. Dr. San Miguel:

a. Update on the Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences - This week the search committee is conducting zoom interviews on a number of candidates and hopefully they will narrow down the pool to three. Those three finalists will be here the week of April 7th - April 9th. I will send out more specific information as we get closer. Hopefully that will be wrapped up soon.

b. We do have the other searches [ongoing] for clinical lab sciences and physical therapy directorships. For the physical therapy one, we should make an offer to a finalist this week. For the clinical lab sciences, there are five candidates in that pool, and we hope to make an offer in the next month or so for that search.

9. Dr. Gonzalez:

The SACSCOC Committee chair and I will meet on March 19th to begin the schedule. It will continue to take shape and by the end of that meeting most, if not all, interviews will be scheduled. Once I have that, then I can communicate with others on the logistics and let you know what interviews will be solidified. I am sure there may be some [interviews] that are not, and we may find out much later.

10. Rosalinda Garcia

a.To piggy back on that, one of the other things is they [SACSCOC] will be here two weeks from today and when they are here they will ask for documents. Just know their expectation is to get those documents right away.

Dr. San Miguel: In meetings where Ari is not there, and requests for information are made, please funnel everything to Ari. Ari: I will send out FAQs in about a week and I will be sending out requests for cell phone numbers so we can have an excel sheet. At Rellis it was on a smaller scale, but that worked well, in case we need to call for interviews or additional documentation. Mr. Castillo: Kathy, please send Rosalinda the list of cell phone numbers and ask for the missing ones.

c.Rosalinda Garcia: The [SACSCOC] committee will have a campus work room, it will be in STC 120. Dr. Gonzalez, myself, and others will be in the career services office conference room across from STC 120 in case anybody needs anything. Make a Difference Day is this Saturday. It is hosted by the LOVE committee. It will be at Haynes Park and Slaughter Park, there will be painting and planting etc. Conrad: We are at 429 students, and we are bringing 50 students from LC since we are forming that partnership.

11. Conrad

[For the big event] we are at 419 students, and we are bringing 50 students from LC so we will be a little bit under 500 students. Mayra Hernandez: The goal for the partnership with LC is to recruit students to transfer to TAMIU that might not be convinced just yet and to encourage them to participate in this fun activity. Conrad: I agree this should be a partnership to encourage students to come here, we get more hands to volunteer and hopefully they will come register. The LOVE committee is one of those committees that does a lot, I was former chair of it. I see a lot of value with what they do and I have been in contact with the chair since day one. They have the same vision I had when I was there, and I am very proud of them. If over 400 students show up, that will be over 1200 students that show up to these events this year. We are having an event tomorrow before the big event to give out prizes and an event Wednesday. We are looking forward to the big event this weekend.

12. Dr. Gill

The Faculty Senate is in a transition period. We will vote on a new president at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

13. Dr. Harris:

Please keep on the lookout, the library will be doing an environmental scan via a survey. I will be reaching out to academic programs about plans for the library moving forward and some projects we are going to be working on that need feedback from the whole campus.

14. Steve Harmon

I got some good news on Friday morning from the competition office from international peer judged 40th annual educational advertising awards. We got 10 awards placed in all categories, and this spans the gamut of different categories -advertising, social media content etc. I am very pleased with the people that I surround myself with people that do many creative and wonderful things for the university.