

Executive Council Meeting

June 23rd, 2025

1:00pm

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I. J. Castillo University Update

- a. The governor has called a special session to rework some things. There is no expectation that it affects us in any way, but once they call a special session they can add onto it. At this point the good news is the appropriation passed. We ended up with an 8.8 million dollar increase for the biennium. That was the highest biennial growth in net general revenue among all regional universities in the system. Of that, 3 million is for civil engineering and computer science.
- b. Chancellor Hegar, who will be here on July 14th, has made some changes.
 - Jenny Jones, who was our Chancellor for Governmental Relations was let go. Roderic Pettigrew, Vice Chancellor for Health and Strategic Initiatives, was let go and that position will not be filled and Kelly Templin who was over RELLIS, that position will be filled eventually.
 - The board has since approved three Vice Chancellor positions.
 - Susan Ballabina will be the System's new Executive Vice Chancellor; she will be his right-hand person. She was formerly Welsh's chief of staff, Welsh being the President at College Station.
 - Ryan Griffin is Vice Chancellor and CFO, he is coming from industry. He has a heavy focus in HR.
 - Chris Bryan is the Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications, replacing Laylin Copelin who retired.
 - Korry Castillo will be the Chief Strategy Officer.
 - Nikki Cobb will be the Vice Chancellor of Governmental Relations.
 - Billy Hamilton and Ray Bonilla (general counsel) will be staying on through August. Billy will be the acting director of governmental relations and also over RELLIS. The presumption is after August they will be gone.

II. Dr. San Miguel

- a. Presidential Search: Just a quick update on the presidential search. Twenty-seven people or so are shortlisted. They did some vetting, and out of those 27, the majority are presidents. We don't know if they are current or former presidents, there are about 5 provosts, 1 CFO, 5 deans, 2 VPs. We will have our first round of reviewing applicants in 2-3 weeks and then conduct the airport interviews (face to face interviews) the first week of August.
- b. Other changes based on the emails I sent out on Friday:
 - Dr. James O'Meara will be Dean of Global and Community Engagement. He is taking over most of what Maria Eugenia used to do in the office of Global Initiatives. That office will not be called the Office of Global Initiatives anymore. ILI (International Language Institute) will go with Chelelo. Everything else will go under James. And James has very particular benchmarks that he

needs to meet. He will assess our current MOU's and MOA's with other institutions to see if they are still active, I would imagine most are not. Then he will grow MOU and MOA with other universities and, not stepping on the office of international experiences, but focusing on the faculty side of research and exchange and things of that nature. He will also oversee Fulbright's. So, on the faculty side again, he is going to grow our partnerships globally and locally, so he's got certain marching orders to do when it comes to building relationships and partnerships with local organizations.

- Granted, now that he is moving into that office, Alfredo Ramirez will be Dean of the College of Education. Soon we will appoint an interim Associate Dean/Department chair and that person will be in that position for a year until we decide what to do and have a search.
- University college, as I mentioned in the email, for the past year or so or maybe longer, we have taken things out of University College. The first one was the Honors Program, now it is under Cihltalli Perez. Advising was going to be centralized anyway. The only part of UC that was left was the faculty. In looking at other models, especially UT Austin and their signature courses, we decided to create a school of first year experiences. Most of them with the exception of one have master's degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences, so we thought it would be beneficial for them to join COAS to create a school or department. We will name someone to be the interim director until we hold a search for a permanent director of First Year Experiences.
- Dr. Bernice Sanchez will be interim Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Alfredo will start July 1st and so will James, they will be here but they will be in different roles.
- For ACE, we will be hiring a director for mentors and supplemental tutors, but it will live under the Office of the Provost.
- Reading the Globe will fall under the Interim Director of First Year Experiences
- Castillo: We will go into the fall fully staffed, all dean positions are filled, so we are in a good position.

III. J. G. GARCIA – Enrollment Update

- a. In terms of summer, there is 7.21 % increase and double digit increase in SCH. Next week, finals are on Thursday. That also marked the end of the first set of on online classes. There are two more weeks of registration.
- b. If you look at the fall semester, there is a 6% increase in headcount and 4 % increase in SCH.
- c. There are consistent increases across, so it looks healthy. We got emails regarding the visas last week; We are concerned about that student population. Some students visa appointments got moved to August. It may be more difficult for a student that has to travel far from another country to get that visa appointment, say versus nuevo laredo. My advice is if you have international students coming into your program especially a PhD program, don't wait on their selection, they should be accepted earlier because they may find difficulty finding visa appointments. This will not affect current international students. This will not affect students that already have a visa that are transferring from community colleges. We are talking about new visas. There are a number of students who have a visa but don't have a visa appointment. We are pending about 60 students this summer that are in the pipeline that don't have a visa appointment yet.

Castillo: Since the last session, undocumented high school graduates no longer qualify for in state tuition. Along with that, they no longer qualify for in state aid. They never qualified for federal aid so they were never Pell eligible, but they were Texas grant eligible. So, there is a possibility we could have

some presidential scholars graduate from high school that would qualify for in state tuition but without the in state out they may still not be able to afford school. We are watching this and will see if there are opportunities for scholarships they can qualify. It will be critically important, even though we are not in the base period yet, the students we capture in the fall are the ones who will hopefully persist in the spring, and the spring will start base period. We want to make sure we are watching the course schedules if classes are closing, we have additional sections or if there is an opportunity to increase enrollment, we need to look at that, as good as these numbers now, a lot of the students that may be impacted may have already registered. It was our enrollment that led to our success this legislative session-8.8million take away 3 million for the new programs that is still 5.8 million, that was largely enrollment or SCH driven.

G: We are looking at 170-190 students that could be affected. Some didn't qualify for state aid.

Garcia: We reached 1,300 freshman and is looking good. Deadline to apply in the summer June 30th.

- d. Dr. San Miguel: I emailed some of the deans with a prompt request to let me know faculty that are abroad. Early last week we received notification faculty in certain high risk could not access VPN. Let's monitor that, I know some faculty are traveling on personal business. Faculty are not allowed to access VPN in those countries [that are high risk]. Faculty can use personal email but, again in these high-risk countries it is challenging. I know this is new but let's keep an eye on it. Faculty in certain countries may not be able to come back, so let's keep an eye on certain things like that for teaching in the fall. Dr. Perez Batres: Can we include that in the form that is submitted to HR, we can add what you are saying- in high-risk countries faculty can't use the VPN? CSM: Yes, we can in the future. [some discussion was had concerning authentication with the duo login and the need to check into that as well] Castillo: Faculty will need to do post briefing after faculty return [for faculty in high-risk countries].
- e. Castillo: For supervisors, if you approved leave for anybody who took last Friday off, please remember that should be at 5 hours otherwise payroll will see it and we will have to correct it. Friday was a 5-hour workday. For next week, the 4th of July, because we will receive 8 hours holiday on Friday for the 4th, we will have a regular schedule next week, so 8-5 and an hour for lunch.

IV. L. Perez Batres

- a. I attended the Southwest Business Deans Association Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, NM, earlier this month. As part of the agenda, I co-presented our TAMIU-Coursera experience alongside a Coursera executive and my counterpart from West Texas A&M. The session drew active engagement from deans representing institutions such as Arizona State, New Mexico, and North Texas, as well as from industry partners like AACSB. This presentation was well received and showcased two strong system institutions. More importantly, it positioned the TAMIU Sanchez School as aligned with both TAMUS leadership and the Provost's Office, reinforcing the Coursera initiative as an example of institutional continuity—a project launched under the Provost's guidance around April 2024 and submitted by the Sanchez School prior to my arrival.
Castillo: What are we doing with Coursera?
- b. L. Perez: We view Coursera as an opportunity to enhance action-based learning across our curriculum. Students are using Coursera to earn industry-recognized certifications. Faculty are being encouraged—and incentivized—to integrate Coursera modules and simulations into their coursework, aligning with QEP goals. It is important to point out that these modules are not

standalone; they complement faculty instruction and offer students flexibility, personalized feedback, and real-world relevance. Currently, student engagement is approximately 20%, and we are working toward expanding that as part of a broader integration strategy.

- c. Castillo: So, they are not stand-alone courses—are they integrated into existing courses?

L. Perez: Correct. That is the guiding principle. Our approach emphasizes innovation, student-centered design, and faculty collaboration. The event also facilitated strategic networking with peer deans and industry stakeholders. The following week, I traveled to Austin for the Texas Bankers Association University Symposium, which now includes 17 Texas universities, with TAMIU as the most recent addition. The symposium will allow us to benchmark against well-established programs and explore best practices. Representatives from the American Bankers Association and the Federal Reserve were present and expressed strong interest in engaging with our students. Brent Cox, Associate Vice President of the Texas Bankers Association and the event host, shared his enthusiasm about visiting TAMIU, signaling potential support and further collaboration. Reporting on these experiences is relevant as it highlights the importance of coordinated efforts across campus. I want to emphatically acknowledge the valuable roles played by several TAMIU offices in making these connections possible.

- d. Castillo: What is the status of the manager/director position for the Banking Academy?

L. Perez: The requisition is currently with Human Resources. I will follow up to confirm its status and move the process forward as quickly as possible.

- V. Colleen Harris: Castillo: On the subject of hires, Collen do you have some news? Colleen Harris: There are 5 vacant lines. I was able, with permission, to make informal offers for a systems and technology librarian and the outreach and assessment librarian. They gave me a verbal yes. The other three that that are out right now with the search firm are encountering the same challenges as when we searched them ourselves; the search firm reports that low pay (even with the recent increase to base salaries), location, and A&M's system reputation after rescinding faculty librarian tenure track status are reasons prospective candidates are declining to apply.
- VI. Rosalinda: I do have a couple of things. Number one, we are likely going to change name of the SCCE office. We will be changing the name to the Office of Student Affairs. That is a common name at Colleges and Universities, we think the name is broader to allow us to be move and be flexible to handle other needs of the university. We hope to have everything in place Aug 8th. The first orientation happens this Friday. It's for transfer students. It is a little small, its about 160 students I believe, we are ready and then July is dusty camps. We are still waiting for faculty to volunteer for panels and dinners. We will send that information again, to get faculty to join us for those events.
- VII. Gill: SB 37 did pass. Nevertheless, our academic freedom remains intact. There are discussions being had on Thursday about how to move forward with the implementation and guidelines regarding this bill and faculty senates.
- VIII. Ana Vargas/Staff Senate: We have had our June meeting. We will have our next meeting on July 15th and we are looking for speakers. Our August meeting is August 12th. Usually, August is when we do the induction ceremonies for the next staff senate board members. We are running elections right now for President-elect, VP for fundraising and events, VP for marketing and communications, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and

Secretary. Mayra, who currently serves as President, will move to the Past-President role, and Laura Elizondo will be President next year. Thank you all for supporting the Bowl-a-Thon, whether you attended or sponsored. Almost all the lanes were bought at Pla-Mor, and we had quite a big crowd. Mayra was able to get a package where pizza and wings were included, and everyone enjoyed that. We have posted a photo gallery on Facebook. Thank you for your support

- IX. Castillo: Open enrollment will start July 7th, more to come on that. We also learned last week, we don't have anything definitive yet, but loop road construction will impact University Blvd, sooner than expected it's very possible University Blvd will go down to one lane in and one lane out, so more to come on that. Please read TAMIU insider there is a lot of information there. The chancellor's visit is July 14th, and it will take the place of this Executive Council meeting. It will be more of a conversation, that may change. We are still planning to have a session with faculty and staff, those that are available. Deans start thinking about what you want to highlight for your respective colleges for the EC meeting. We may keep our meeting the week before.



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Office of the President

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2025

1:00 am

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J. CASTILLO

1. University Update

J. G. GARCIA

2. Enrollment update

L PEREZ-BATRES

3. Texas Bankers Association Universities Annual Meeting
4. Southwest Business Dean's Association Annual Meeting

Athletics: No updates

CALENDAR ITEMS

- June 27, 2025, Dustdevil Transition I, 8 am, STC Ballroom
- June 27, 2025, New Student Orientation, STC Ballroom, 8 am
- July 4, 2025, Independence Day (Holiday)
- July 7, 2025, Dusty Camp Orientation, 9 30 am, FPA Theatre
- July 7, 2025, Dusty Camp I, FPA Recital Hall, 10 a m
- July 10, 2025, July Birthdays Staff Luncheon, noon, WHTC 111
- July 14, 2025, Comptroller Glenn Hegar Campus Visit
- July 14, 2025, Executive Council Meeting, 1 pm, Great Room
- July 17, 2025, Dusty Camp II, 10 am, FPA Theatre
- July 21, 2025, Executive Council Meeting, TBD
- July 24, 2025, Dusty Camp III, 9 30 am, FPA Recital Hall
- August 4, 2025, Executive Council Meeting, 1 p m , KL270
- August 14, 2025, August Birthday, Staff Luncheon, noon, STC Ballroom
- August 18, 2025, Executive Council Meeting, 1 p m , KL270
- August 20, 2025, Faculty and Staff Assembly, 8 am, STC Ballroom
- August 20, 2025, Fall Mixer, 5 pm, Great Room
- August 21, 2025, Dusty Camp V, 8 am, FPA
- August 23, 2025, Dustdevil transition II and New Student Orientation, 8 am, STC Ballroom
- August 27-29, 2025, TAMUS BOR Meeting, College Station

K CASARES, J CASTILLO, J G GARCIA, S HARMON, J O'MEARA, C SAN MIGUEL, G ZIMMERMANN, A RAMIREZ, L NORRIS, M R PALACIOS, R GARCIA, ARI GONZALEZ, C HARRIS, M YNALVEZ, L PEREZ-BATRES, R PALACIOS, M HERNANDEZ, D MOTT, P GILL, A GONZALEZ

Absent A.Gonzalez, L Norris, Ari Gonzalez, J O'Meara, M Hernandez, R Palacios, G Zimmermann

Texas A&M International University
Enrollment Comparison
Fall 2025 with Fall 2024

Fall 2025 Headcount - 55th Day of Registration (4th Week of SSI)									
College	CHS	FFR	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR	GD	Total
ARSSB	0	252	88	146	274	370	314	12	1,456
COAS	0	611	204	432	743	971	227	8	3,196
COED	0	62	26	39	80	105	431	0	743
CNHS	0	327	113	187	255	302	177	0	1,361
UC	165	45	14	18	46	71	0	0	359
Total	165	1,297	445	822	1,398	1,819	1,149	20	7,115

Fall 2024 Headcount - 60th Day of Registration (4th Week of SSI)									
College	CHS	FFR	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR	GD	Total
ARSSB	0	223	69	174	302	316	168	6	1,258
COAS	0	623	206	435	784	936	177	10	3,171
COED	0	59	19	30	98	115	383	0	704
CNHS	0	306	94	154	198	345	107	0	1,204
UC	152	57	19	28	40	71	0	0	367
Total	152	1,268	407	821	1,422	1,783	835	16	6,704

6.13% INCREASE over this period last year

Final Headcount Fall 2024 - 8,945

Fall 2025 Semester Credit Hrs - 55th Day of Registration (4th Week of SSI)									
College	CHS	FFR	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR	GD	Total
ARSSB	0	3,531	1,210	1,931	3,655	4,694	2,031	126	17,178
COAS	0	8,573	2,792	5,668	9,616	11,627	1,707	57	40,040
COED	0	875	359	482	1,010	1,251	3,138	0	7,115
CNHS	0	4,376	1,604	2,364	3,105	3,809	860	0	16,118
UC	2,134	610	175	231	570	836	0	0	4,556
Total	2,134	17,965	6,140	10,676	17,956	22,217	7,736	183	85,007

4.60% INCREASE over this period last year

Fall 2024 Semester Credit Hrs - 60th Day of Registration (4th Week of SSI)									
College	CHS	FFR	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR	GD	Total
ARSSB	0	3,119	924	2,340	4,037	3,734	1,026	45	15,225
COAS	0	8,638	2,706	5,682	10,007	11,094	1,164	74	39,365
COED	0	789	257	383	1,282	1,351	3,038	0	7,100
CNHS	0	4,161	1,335	1,936	2,432	4,503	600	0	14,967
UC	1,901	780	216	380	482	856	0	0	4,615
Total	1,901	17,487	5,438	10,721	18,240	21,538	5,828	119	81,272

Final Semester Credit Hours for Fall 2024 - 100,120

Fall 2025 Semester Credit Hours by level				
College	UG	GR	PHD	Total
ARSSB	11,376	1,845	117	13,338
COAS	52,621	1,657	47	54,325
COED	2,688	3,096	0	5,784
CNHS	6,618	942	0	7,560
UC	2,525	0	0	2,525
Total	75,828	7,540	164	83,532

Fall 2024 Semester Credit Hours by level				
College	UG	GR	PHD	Total
ARSSB	10,857	957	42	11,856
COAS	51,686	1,162	74	52,922
COED	2,853	3,030	0	5,883
CNHS	7,109	633	0	7,742
UC	2,869	0	0	2,869
Total	75,374	5,782	116	81,272

Texas A&M International University
Enrollment Comparison
Summer 2025 with Summer 2024

Summer 2025 Headcount - 55th Day of Registration (4th week of SSI)									
College	CHS	FFR	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR	GD	Total
ARSSB	0	9	26	70	141	209	437	3	895
COAS	0	31	90	186	402	581	211	5	1,506
COED	0	0	14	17	32	39	609	0	711
CNHS	0	22	46	70	99	154	242	0	633
UC	255	4	6	9	26	60	0	0	360
Total	255	66	182	352	700	1,043	1,499	8	4,105

7.21% INCREASE over this period last year

Summer 2025 Semester Credit Hours - 55th Day of Registration (4th week of SSI)									
College	CHS	FFR	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR	GD	Total
ARSSB	0	67	142	415	928	1,288	2,571	9	5,420
COAS	0	171	569	1,204	2,838	4,052	1,276	15	10,125
COED	0	0	77	107	181	201	4,683	0	5,249
CNHS	0	135	295	503	642	918	1,558	0	4,051
UC	955	16	45	61	187	490	0	0	1,754
Total	955	389	1,128	2,290	4,776	6,949	10,088	24	26,599

10.38% INCREASE over this period last year

Summer 2025 Semester Credit Hours by College				
College	UG	GR	PHD	Total
ARSSB	2,637	2,394	9	5,040
COAS	12,500	1,270	15	13,785
COED	242	4,710	0	4,952
CNHS	1,055	1,680	0	2,735
UC	87	0	0	87
Total	16,521	10,054	24	26,599

Summer 2024 Headcount - 60th Day of Registration (4th week of SSI)									
College	CHS	FFR	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR	GD	Total
ARSSB	0	4	20	52	162	200	428	1	867
COAS	0	56	85	163	400	540	212	4	1,460
COED	0	1	10	15	35	47	542	0	650
CNHS	0	22	40	67	60	171	158	0	518
UC	229	6	4	10	28	57	0	0	334
Total	229	89	159	307	685	1,015	1,340	5	3,829

Final Headcount Summer 2024 - 3,770

Summer 2024 Semester Credit Hrs - 60th Day of Registration (4th week of SSI)									
College	CHS	FFR	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR	GD	Total
ARSSB	0	34	116	316	966	1,203	2,464	3	5,102
COAS	0	316	490	1,069	2,688	3,590	1,202	12	9,367
COED	0	4	59	87	200	217	4,125	0	4,692
CNHS	0	144	245	391	404	1,105	952	0	3,241
UC	798	45	22	71	221	538	0	0	1,695
Total	798	543	932	1,934	4,479	6,653	8,743	15	24,097

Final Semester Credit Hours for Summer 2024 - 23,806

Summer 2024 Semester Credit Hours by College				
College	UG	GR	PHD	Total
ARSSB	2,481	2,355	3	4,839
COAS	11,415	1,173	12	12,600
COED	180	4,164	0	4,344
CNHS	1,200	1,036	0	2,236
UC	78	0	0	78
Total	15,354	8,728	15	24,097