

UEC Minutes
April 17, 2017 | BA 290 | 1:30 p.m.

- EMS (Derek Preas)
 - An email will be sent out reminding each department of the importance of using EMS for event scheduling on campus
 - Will be able to emulate Tarleton's event marketing/reminders/newsletters once this is consistently implemented campus-wide
- Project Updates (Alicia Currin)
 - P-3 is still on schedule
 - Nursing & Health Sciences Building is on schedule
 - Leberman Hall
 - Gates are up and demolition has started
 - Will take 3-4 weeks for abatement
 - Ground will be level by July 31
 - Will be a parking lot by the start of next semester
 - Asbestos abatement surveys will be starting in University Village neighborhood
 - MAC Court should be finished this week
 - Softball/Soccer dressing area walkthrough scheduled for this week
 - Hall of Languages renovations finished for the renaming ceremony on April 18th
 - Exterior plaque in place
 - Interior plaque will be displayed on an easel
 - Lighting and portrait installed
 - Andrea Weddle has created an area with memorabilia from Dr. Talbot
 - Weather forecast: 20-30% chance of rain in the morning, through mostly northeast of here; will likely just be overcast
 - Ceremony will be moved inside the Hall of Languages if it does rain
 - Faculty apartment in Residential Living & Learning in discussion
- University Complaint Procedure (Heidi Wright)
 - Request a personal conference with the Department Head/Director within 14 days
 - Complaints should go up the chain of command to the Vice President
 - If a faculty member expresses a concern, they should start this process
 - Faculty members can appeal evaluations through this procedure (Department Heads will be briefed as well)
 - Ombudsperson will be hired and will have a permanent space in the Compliance Office
 - Procedure helps separate Compliance concerns from HR concerns
- Googling Procedures (Heidi Wright)
 - Google will sometimes return out-of-date procedures
 - Only use the link on the webpage to find rules and procedures
 - Share the link location with others
- BAM (Travis Ball)
 - A&M-Commerce was part of a pilot group to implement this new e-procurement system
 - After system-wide complaints, it was abandoned
 - Returning to FAMIS
 - Will possibly be moving to SciQuest (College Station is using this)
- Access 2017 HUB Event (Travis Ball)
 - May 8-9, 2017
 - Senator Royce West has been known to personally call agencies who are not participating

- Requesting items that are easy to bid: small technology, office supplies, furniture, etc.; can also be printed recruiting/marketing materials
- If you submit a request, Purchasing will get back with you before awarding the bid
- By April 24th, Travis will let everyone know how many submissions there have been
- University Updates (Ray Keck)
 - Athletic Fee Referendum passed
 - Around 2,000 students voted
 - On social media, it was suggested that the vote was swayed by faculty and coaches
 - Some students called for the Board of Regents to review the vote
 - A review will not likely happen because the Referendum passed overwhelmingly
 - It will take four years for the fee to be fully collected
 - The fee is in no way related to the budget cuts or the state budget
 - Original conversation about raising the fee happened with the Chancellor in the summer
 - Was given permission to meet with a Regent in February
 - The Event Center is only a possibility, and this would only partially cover the costs if it were to be built
 - Faculty lines will be added
 - Only applies to students entering in the Fall (all students)
 - This is the Regents' rule
 - New fees can only be imposed on incoming students
- Announcements
 - Andrew Young and Robert Green are on their way to Commerce
 - Dinner this evening
 - Breakfast in the morning followed by an interview about the book they are writing together
 - 11:00 – Andrew Young speaking event
 - 11:45 – Presidential medallion presentation
 - 12:00 – Lunch
 - 2:30 – Hall of Languages renaming ceremony
 - Alumni Center reception for the National Development Board at 6:00 p.m.
 - Encourage peer-to-peer fundraising
 - Create alumni chapters
 - Pedro Noguera has been suggested as a Sam Rayburn Series Speaker for next year
 - Send Noah suggestions for speakers for Fall 2017/Spring 2018
 - Women, Wealth, & Wisdom event on April 28th
 - Vice Provost for Research & Dean of Graduate Studies
 - Dr. Don Peterson has accepted
 - July 1st start date
 - Will be paid from local funds until September 1st
 - Drs. Humphreys and Donham will be in Austin on Thursday (April 20th) for a THECB meeting because the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering is on the consent calendar
 - L-3 Communications has agreed to provide a faculty member to Electrical Engineering for five years
 - Industry partners have helped salvage the program and will actively support it through faculty line funding
 - Mayo biography by Modisette
 - Will be available at the campus bookstore
 - 25 copies will be passed out at the National Development Board meeting this evening