

University Executive Council
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- General Update (Ray Keck)
 - Academic Affairs Updates
 - New Hires
 - Dr. Shanan Gibson, Dean of the College of Business (August 1)
 - Dr. Jacob Warren, Vice Provost for Research & Dean of Graduate Studies (December 1)
 - Dr. Brian Smalley, Director of the Rural Mental Health Institute (January 1)
 - Dr. Mark Menaldo, Director of the Academy of Liberal Arts (department name under review)
 - Liberal arts college within the institution; similar structure to other schools
 - Recruit students that attend liberal arts colleges
 - Developing a residential experience, curriculum, and possibly study abroad opportunities
 - New faculty lines added
 - 10 were created from cost savings of position and budget consolidation
 - 11 were funded through the athletic fee referendum
 - TRAC
 - Rebecca Skloot (common read author) visiting September 25
 - Students enjoyed the book because it is nonfiction
 - Wellness program considering using the book
 - Lion Lectures: 6 10-minute lectures related to the topic; moderated by Dr. Ray Green (examples: Dr. Lemanski will discuss cell structure, Dr. Shwiff will discuss the economics of biotechnology, etc.)
 - School of Agriculture
 - Transitioning to the College of Agriculture
 - National Development Board expressed a desire to further support the Agriculture program
 - Andrew Young would like to move his sustainable agriculture facility to A&M-Commerce
 - This facility would be named after Andrew Young
 - Funding and recruiting opportunities may be possible through appropriate branding and name recognition
 - Equine multipurpose arena
 - Children's Museum to be built nearby
 - Concept design phase
 - Highlighting sustainable agriculture
 - Proposed location is on the 75 acres occupied by the former president's home on SH 24/50
 - Greenville Research Farm
 - Will be fenced to protect from wild hogs
 - AgriBusiness master's degree to be offered in Dallas in partnership with College Station
 - Event Center
 - Preliminary talks -- to be built with investor funds; private equity
 - Will be leased to the university until it has been purchased
 - Ted Lyon and Buddie Barnes are interested in helping spearhead this project
 - Ian Lockwood suggested placing this on the land purchased from First United Methodist Church of Commerce

- Buddie Barnes suggested placing it between the east end of the stadium and the Gyro Express (approx. 300' x 400')
 - If it is placed next to the stadium, we will add a parking garage and an indoor track facility
 - Track will be sheltered from the weather and can be used by other schools for their events; many schools travel great distances for an indoor track
 - Will provide an ideal location for HHP research
 - Will provide another venue for commencement
 - Open to the community for fee-based use
- Ian Lockwood Suggestions
 - Parking lot 19 to be turned into a park
 - Bois d'Arc Street to be used as a main entrance into campus
 - Will require refurbishing
 - Reinstigate street parking
 - Widen Campbell Street and reinstigate street parking
 - Roundabouts added on 24/50 at Culver and Live Oak
 - TxDOT, bond board, and Hunt County Transportation Committee are all in agreement with this project
 - Next visit by Lockwood team will occur the week of August 7
- Project ASPIRE
 - First Phase: Summer Experience
 - Just completed
 - Students who were academically underachieving received academic assistance at CISD in the morning
 - A&M-Commerce provided recreation in the afternoon
 - Dr. Steven Prewitt (HHP) assumed the role of supervisor
 - Fall Programs
 - AVID: college readiness
 - Pride Prep (not part of ASPIRE): early college model for rural districts; last year was the first year
 - Boys & Girls Club programming
 - Visit to Ball State for workshop to promote community engagement during student teaching experience
- Pacific Place
 - Losing \$1.2-1.3 million per year
 - 10 year lease that can possibly be broken due to legislative cuts
 - Negotiation of a settlement agreement on Board of Regents agenda in August
 - Proposed relocation of VisCom program to El Centro College
 - Furniture moved to Mesquite or sent to surplus for auction
- Proposed White Privilege Conference in the Spring
 - Take place in City of Commerce
 - Discuss other areas of privilege
 - Consider bringing Cornel West back to campus
 - Unity Day on September 9, led by Paul Voss and LaVelle Hendricks, will provide a case study
- Health & Safety Update (Derek Preas)
 - In the process of updating rules from 8 years ago
 - Responded to findings from System Internal Audit on July 14
 - Major findings:
 - Student Travel

- Itineraries and documents were inaccurate
- Student attendees were not listed
- Solution: A Risk assessment form is required any time students travel for university business. If you are unsure, contact Campus Operations & Safety. If transportation is scheduled through EMS (i.e. you reserve a university vehicle), you will automatically be contacted to complete a risk assessment form. Otherwise, you must do so on your own.
- Hepatitis B, Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazardous Communications
 - Missing Hepatitis B declination forms
 - Trainings are not completed within the first 10 days of employment
 - Impact5: If your employees do not complete the trainings within 10 days, they are to be sent home without pay because these are required by law to be completed in that time frame. If your employees are assigned this training, and it is not appropriate for their position, contact Campus Operations & Safety. All direct supervisors receive a list of those who have been assigned trainings.
- Safety Inspections
 - No follow-up responses to emails from Campus Operations & Safety
 - Solution: more emails will be sent out on the listserv
- Monthly PC Updates Changing Day and Time & Inventory for Encryption of High Risk PC's for Security Audits (Tim Murphy)
 - Updates are being changed from Thursdays to Tuesdays
 - Software has been purchased that will send information to everyone's computer at the same time
 - Because laptops are targeted for theft when they leave campus, they will be encrypted
 - High-risk departments will have their laptops encrypted first as a trial before all laptops are encrypted
- New Moving Allowance Procedure (Paula Hanson)
 - PAC has approved the new procedure
 - Maximum 1/12 annual salary as a one-time stipend rather than being reimbursed through the submission of receipts for moving expenses
 - Allows more flexibility for new employees
 - Employees are expected to stay at least 12 months, or a prorated share must be paid back to the university