

University Executive Council  
October 12, 2017 | BA 290 | 1:30 p.m.

- Pre-Game Homecoming Video (Scott Cason)
  - Focus on determination
  - Bringing glory to the challenge
- General Update (Ray Keck)
  - Texas Tribune Interview/Matthew Watkins
    - Only dedicated education reporter in the state
    - Discuss TRAC experience
    - Culminated in lunch with students, mentors, and signature course instructors
  - Dr. Philip Bobbitt event went well
  - Professional Development Day went well
  - Biweekly pay
    - Payroll can provide letters to creditors
    - Pay date schedule has been resent to the listserv
    - Appointments with Payroll have been offered
  - DACA meetings with SGA and student organizations
    - Students have been encouraged to keep a low profile
    - Lawyers in attendance provided information about DACA recipient rights in various situations
  - Pride Alliance meeting
    - Requested more gender-neutral bathrooms on campus
    - Encourage awareness of insensitive language
    - Safe Spaces training available (also open to students)
    - Speaker on campus October 19
  - Event Center and University Village
    - In discussions with multiple groups
    - Doable figures have been presented
- Homecoming Activities/Keeping Academic Offices Open (Ray Keck)
  - Deans and departments should use their judgement
  - Faculty are encouraged to be available for visitors
  - If department closes for faculty to join tailgate, a sign should be put up notifying visitors of where to find the department members
  - Alumni are our VIP guests
- State Comptroller's Office Purchasing and Travel Training on October 30 (Paula Hanson)
  - No registration necessary
  - Examples of fraud, waste, and abuse will be provided
  - Visit "Where the Money Goes" website for information about state transparency:  
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/transparency/spending/>
- Foreign Travel Changes (Linda King)
  - President's Office must receive form 15 days prior to travel (30 days for high risk travel)—decrease from 45 days
  - Derek Preas can help with identifying what qualifies as "high risk"

- All travel must be booked through Concur when possible
- Giving Report (Keturi Beatty)
  - Three gifts for the Hawkins Campaign
  - Large gift for the College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts
  - State of the University appeal is doing well
  - Up 127% year-to-date
  - Despite having the same number of donors, the average gift size has increased