

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

- General Update (Ray Keck)
 - Dr. Gil Naizer named new ombudsperson
 - Athletics
 - Volleyball playing in the postseason for the first time since the 1980's
 - Football playing in the third postseason game for the first time in institution history
 - Praise for A&M-Commerce branding
 - Dr. Donham was stopped by multiple people while at the store because they recognized the logo on his shirt (only the lion head)
 - WFAA has been running the “grit to greatness” commercial every morning
 - Meeting with Chancellor Sharp scheduled to discuss five large projects at the University
 - Events Center
 - Andrew Young Institute of Sustainable Agriculture
 - Prairie Crossing sale
 - University Village
 - Ag Complex
 - Student and parent concerns regarding UCD move to El Centro
 - Only venture capital will be paying for building projects (i.e. no funds will be spent on these projects that would otherwise be spent on academic pursuits)
 - Buildings will be leased back to the University until owned
 - Pacific Place is only a landlord, while El Centro is an academic partner
 - Move date changed to June 1 (additional \$500,000) to allow seniors to graduate from that location
 - A&M System and UPD completed a safety study of the El Centro campus and forwarded to VisComm students and parents (who requested the study)
 - Berry Hall
 - Due to asbestos, will cost around \$1 million to demolish
 - \$1 million will not bring it back up to prime condition if refurbished
 - Meeting with Greek Life leadership
 - Discussed the multiple credible reports of hazing
 - Must be a collaborative effort to end hazing, underage drinking, drug use, assault, abuse, etc.
- University Projects (Derek Preas)
 - Equine arena work all but complete
 - McDowell (BA)
 - Water line replacement
 - Currently underway
 - Fences should be removed before students return in January
 - Air handler replacement
 - Third floor exterior wall will be removed
 - Will take place during the winter
 - Second floor walkways
 - Will be redone in the next four weeks
 - Cannot be used while under construction
 - Alumni Center glass patio enclosure will be complete before the summer
 - Talbot Hall renovations in design phase
 - Observatory will be adding a telescope (largest research-grade telescope in Northeast Texas)
 - Whitley Gym locker room renovations under way

- Morris Recreation Center
 - Gym floor replacement under way during break
 - Expansion to begin
- P-3
 - Work during winter break
 - Extensive work in attic area during the summer
 - All work should be complete by the end of the summer
- Nursing & Health Sciences Building
 - Scheduled to be complete by December 8, 2018
 - 29 delay days built into that schedule
- Energy conservation
 - 18-24 months of day and night work
 - 9 employees from Johnson Controls
- Tree project
 - Several trees will be installed
 - 13 will be in the ground by the end of winter break
- Gee Lake Management Program
 - Fish habitat improvement
 - Water quality improvement
 - Duck feeding station
 - Texas Parks & Wildlife will provide us with free food
 - People in other towns that have implemented this system have said that they like knowing what to bring to feed the ducks
- Non-Compliant “After the Fact” Purchases (Travis Ball)
 - Two recent state audits that went well
 - A large number of non-compliant contracts/service agreements
 - Individuals are on campus and speaking before the service agreement is sent to Contract Administration
 - If this continues to be a problem, there will have to be consequences
 - It is a liability issue
 - Service agreements must be sent to Contract Administration at least 5 business days prior to the work being done
 - UEC RESPONSE
 - Can add a flag in EMS requiring a service agreement be on file for events with a guest speaker
 - Suggest that those who are not in compliance pay the contract out of pocket
- Announcements
 - Advancement
 - Giving Shout-Outs
 - Nearly \$720,000 for the year (compared to \$382,000 last year)
 - \$9,000 given from a retired faculty member
 - \$30,000 commitment thanks to Dr. Young
 - \$20,000 commitment from Mike Cross thanks to Dr. Humphreys
 - \$6,000 given to Music scholarships
 - 13 gifts of \$1,000 last week and this week
 - Calendar year end giving ideas
 - Gifts of appreciated stock
 - 70.5 years old or more
 - Gifts to A&M-Commerce are not taxed

- Required minimum distribution can be given directly to A&M-Commerce (tax free)
- Human Resources Services & Support Survey
 - Will be distributed on Monday (December 4)
 - Addresses the Institutional Effectiveness Plan
 - Open for two weeks
- Football team send-off at 3:00 p.m. behind the Field House