

# **Texas A&M University-Commerce**

**President Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.**

## **FALL ASSEMBLY**

**August 22, 2013**

# Dr. Adolfo Benavides

## Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



- Ph.D. in economics from Washington State University
- Formerly served as dean and professor of economics at Tarleton State University and associate dean at A&M-Corpus Christi
- Began July 1, 2013

# Dr. Daniel Edelman

## Associate Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



- Ph.D., MS Accounting, CPA, CFE
- Formerly served A&M-Commerce as department head of accounting, director of accounting programs, interim associate provost and vice president for academic affairs and interim provost
- Began May 2, 2013

# Update on Executive Searches

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- Dean of College of Business and Entrepreneurship  
Chair: Dr. Sal Attardo
- Dean of College of Education and Human Services  
Chair: Dr. Sharon Johnson

## Timeline:

- Early September – Search Committee Named
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – Top 3 Candidates Identified
- January – New Deans Appointed

**Welcome  
New Faculty and Staff**

# Class Attendance

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## Responsibility of the Faculty

### Policy 13.99.99.R0.01

- Faculty members are to accept student participation in a required university activity as an excused absence
- Faculty members will provide details on requirements and guidelines for attendance in their classes in their course syllabi
- A record of excused and unexcused absences will be maintained by a faculty member for reference since certain financial assistance and other programs may require attendance records
- When requested by the student, the faculty member will inform the student who has been absent whether makeup work is allowed and whether absences jeopardize the student's standing in a class

# SACS - March 2014 On-Site Visit

## The clock is ticking

Progress on the Compliance Certification  
for SACSCOC Reaffirmation of Accreditation

As of August 22, 2013:

- 425 pages of narrative in response to 96 SACSCOC *Principles*
- 3059 linked documents (excluding faculty credentials)
- Credentials (CV's, transcripts, etc.) for 750 faculty members
- Currently, 100% of Principles in Xitracs software
- SACSCOC Vice President was on campus for Advisory Visit July 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>
- 100% of *Principles* have been reviewed based on guidance from SACS VP
- To be shipped to Off-Site Committee Friday, September 6, 2013





**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE  
QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP)**

# Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Want to Get Involved?

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Questions???

EMAIL:

[QEP.COMMITTEE@TAMUC.EDU](mailto:QEP.COMMITTEE@TAMUC.EDU)

WEBSITE:

[WWW.TAMUC.EDU/QEP](http://WWW.TAMUC.EDU/QEP)

# The \$10,000 Degree (Spring Launch) Texas Affordable Baccalaureate Program



## HIGH-QUALITY, LOW- COST WORK-READY DEGREE OPTION FOR TEXAS

- Competency-Based Instruction
- \$750 flat rate, includes e-textbooks for core
- Non-traditional Credit

# High Quality Enrollment Growth

Headcount History	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	% Change 2008-2012
Undergraduate & Graduate	8,787	9,075	10,280	10,726	11,187	27%
Undergraduate	4,984	5,349	6,270	6,601	6,768	36%
Hispanic Undergraduate	480	533	623	804	955	99%
African American Undergraduate	921	1000	1,104	1,273	1,287	40%

– Source: THECB Certified Enrollment Data

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# Enrollment



## Fall 2013 Update

- Undergraduate headcount +2.23%
- Graduate headcount -5.82%
- Overall, headcount -1.08%
  
- Undergraduate SCH +2.21%
- Graduate SCH -9.41%
- Overall, SCH -1.06%

As of 8/21/2013

# Fall 2013 Credit Hours by College

	2013	2012	Difference	Percent
<b>College of Business &amp; Entrepreneurship</b>				
Total Undergraduate	12835	12169	666	5.47%
Total Graduate	12068	13948	-1880	-13.48%
<b>Total CB</b>	<b>24903</b>	<b>26117</b>	<b>-1214</b>	<b>-4.65%</b>
<b>College of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts</b>				
Total Undergraduate	27187	26972	215	0.80%
Total Graduate	1986	1701	285	16.75%
<b>Total CH</b>	<b>29173</b>	<b>28673</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.74%</b>
<b>College of Science, Engineering and Agriculture</b>				
Total Undergraduate	20615	19723	892	4.52%
Total Graduate	1874	1958	-84	-4.29%
<b>Total CS</b>	<b>22489</b>	<b>21681</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>3.73%</b>
<b>College of Education &amp; Human Services</b>				
Total Undergraduate	21871	21863	8	0.04%
Total Graduate	12737	14034	-1297	-9.24%
<b>Total ED</b>	<b>34608</b>	<b>35897</b>	<b>-1289</b>	<b>-3.59%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111173</b>	<b>112368</b>	<b>-1195</b>	<b>-1.06%</b>

# Students on Campus

We have 300 more students residing on campus than we did last year.



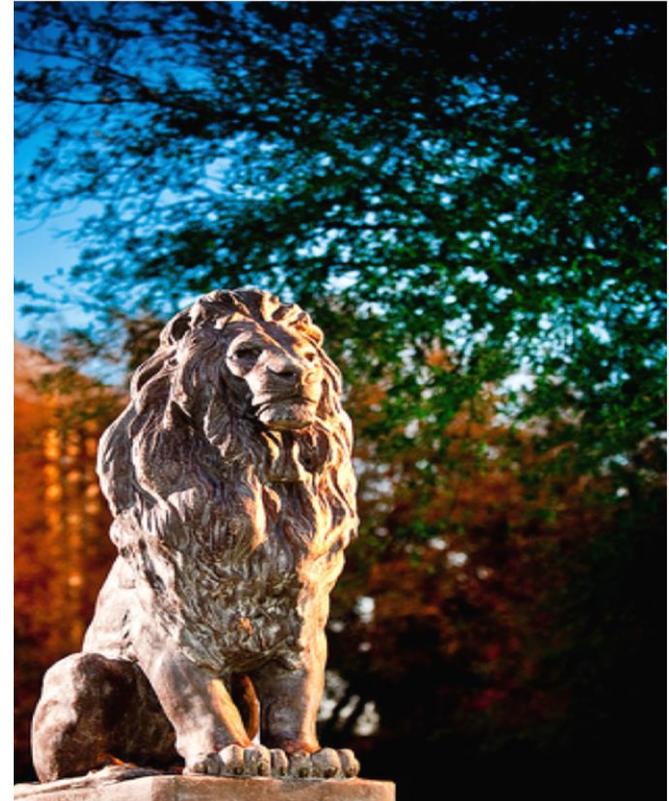
# Strategic Planning for FY2014

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- Will need to address, among other things, strategic enrollment management:
  - New programs
  - Service
  - Advising
  - Aggressive outreach
  - Being creative and responsive

# Compliance

...should be a part of doing  
business



# University Compliance Update - Faculty

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32.01.01.R0.01 Grievance and Appeal Process for Faculty Members

15.01.01.R0.04 Time and Effort Certification

15.01.03.R1 Financial Conflicts of Interest in Sponsored Research

12.03.99.R0.01 Faculty Workload (Pending THECB Approval)

System Regulation

08.01.01 Civil Rights Compliance, Section 5 *Improper consensual Relationships*

31.04.01 System Holidays, Section 4 *Religious Holy Days*

Reminders

Faculty External Employment Application and Approvals expire August 30, 2013

Financial Conflicts of Interest in Sponsored Research Disclose Form expire August 30, 2013

# Softball - Inaugural Season - Spring of 2015



Richie Bruister to coach  
Lion softball

# New “Texas-Sized” Logo and New Era of Lion Football

Kickoff Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.



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# Lone Star Football Festival – AT&T Stadium (Cowboys Stadium)

Lions take on Delta State  
Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.



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# Infrastructure

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# Faculty Center for Excellence

- First floor of library with entry facing the RSC
- Mission to promote excellence in teaching, learning and research



# Rayburn Student Center Expansion

350 additional seats  
Additional meeting spaces  
Completion date – December of 2013



# Residence Hall – September 2012



# Residence Hall – August 2013



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# Nursing Building Expansion

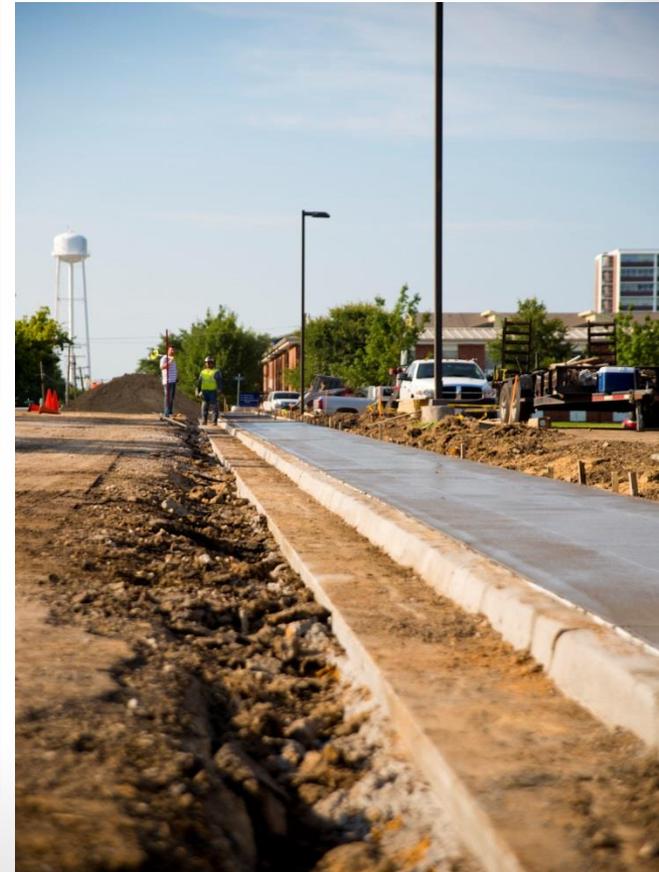
## Completion Date - Fall 2013



# Planetarium Upgrades



# Streets, Sidewalks and Signage



# 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature

- 83rd Texas Legislature convened its Regular Session on January 8, 2013 and concluded on May 27
- 5,868 bills were introduced: of these, 1,437 were passed by both chambers and sent to the Governor\*
- Governor vetoed:
  - 28 bills
  - 11 budget line items in SB 1
  - 15 budget line items in HB 1025
- Governor called three Special Sessions (relating to redistricting, transportation, abortion and juvenile justice)

• **Sources:** *Texas Legislature Online* “Legislative Statistics.”

# 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature

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- State Funding for Education Increased in the 2014-15 Biennium
  - Overall, state funding across all functions of state government increased by 8.1% to \$101.4B over 2012-13
  - Total state funding for education increased by \$53B (or 6.9%)
  - Total state funding for higher education increased by 4.4%

# 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature

- Public universities are required to offer a fixed tuition price plan (HB 20)
- Increased funding and adopted changes to the major state financial aid programs to increase flexibility and serve more students (SB 215)
- Adopted a credit hour cap on Associate's degrees (SB 215)
- Did not adopt outcomes-based funding for general academic institutions.
- Did not fund TRBs.

# 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature/2014 Budget

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- Impact of FY14-15 General Revenue Appropriations
  - Increase of approximately \$3.9 million annually
  - HB 1025 includes additional funds to support the Hazlewood exemption. A&M-Commerce will receive approximately \$500,000 in one-time funds for the next biennium.

# 2014 Budget

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Guided by Strategic Plan and Guiding Principles

## Budget Review and Development Council

- Made the following recommendations:

- Allocate New Faculty Lines and Reduced Reliance on Adjunct Faculty
  - Reviewed and Updated Summer Business Model

- Developed Metric-Driven Model to Allocate Departmental Operating Budget

Strategic 1% reallocation process identified \$500K from the existing budget available to fund innovation and growth

# 2014 Budget

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- Continue to support high-quality growth by adding 16 permanent faculty lines
- Provide operating budget support based on metric-driven model
- Continue to increase local financial aid for students
- Establish campus as a center for residential living and learning
- No tuition and fee increases for FY2014
- A 2% merit pool for FY14
  - Ten years of continuous merit

# Institutional Advancement

Royal Roar – Save the Date: Oct. 4, 2013



# Equine Pavilion Dedication

September 6, 2013



# Institutional Advancement

Bridge Builders – The value our employees add to our fundraising efforts



# Ralph Hall Finalizes Donation of Papers to University



# News – Recent Headlines

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- New York Times Best-Seller, Athlete Kyle Maynard to Speak August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Ferguson Auditorium
- A&M-Commerce Ranked #1 in Texas for Teaching Education
- STEM Teacher Development Named Finalist for Technology Award
- A&M-Commerce Among Affordable Universities with Highest-Paid Grads
- 12 A&M-Commerce Students Break 2 Guinness World Records
- Elizabeth Shaw First to Graduate from Regents' Scholars Program
- Unveiling of New Texas-Sized Logo on Turf

# Celebrating a Milestone

**125**  
**YEARS**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR 2014**





THE CONCH REPUBLIC

90 Miles to CUBA

SOUTHERNMOST

POINT

CONTINENTAL U.S.A.

KEY WEST, FL  
*Home of the Sunset*



FLORIDA KEYS  
SCENIC HIGHWAY

BEGIN



NORTH



HOB

MILE  
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SKOOK

FOLLOW ME  
TO THE HUB





















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BAPTIST CHURCH  
ERECTED 1909  
G. L. FISHER PASTOR



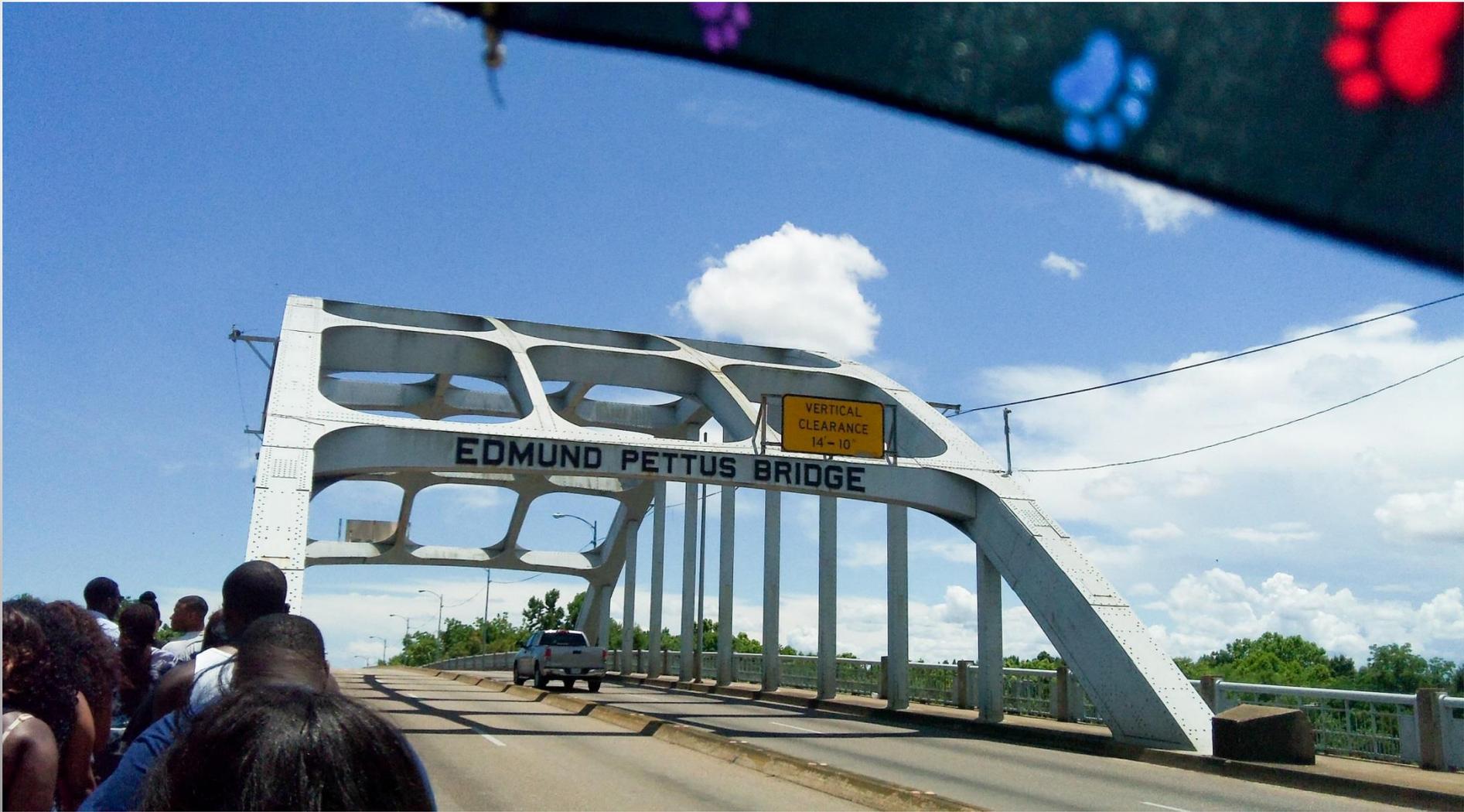




























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# Lion Video

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