Overview

This report for Sul Ross State University documents compliance with House Bill 2504 and subsequent rules found in Texas Education Code, Section 51.974 (b) (f). The University’s HB 2504 website is located at https://srinfo.sulross.edu/hb2504/ and is accessible from the University’s home page. The website seeks to promote accountability and transparency for students, parents, legislators, the public, and all stakeholders by providing the following information:

1) A syllabus for each course offered for credit by the institution;
2) A curriculum vita for each instructor of record for each course offered at http://srinfo.sulross.edu/hb2504/by the institution;
3) Student end-of-course evaluations;
4) A departmental budget for each academic program; and
5) Marketable skills posted for each academic program.

As evidence of faculty and academic departments’ commitment to HB 2504, one-hundred percent of all syllabi and vitae are posted each semester.

Online Syllabus Requirement

Instructors of record are responsible for developing course syllabi. The Provost’s office specifies consistent elements for each syllabus that reflect the information mandated by legislation. Those elements include a brief description of each major course requirement, including each major assignment and examination, student learning outcomes, core curriculum skills (as appropriate), required and recommended readings, and a general description of the subject matter of each lecture or discussion. Syllabi are uploaded for the HB 2504 website by faculty members by the seventh class day in a given semester. Public access is available at http://srinfo.sulross.edu/hb2504/.

Syllabi may be accessed on the website by Course, Instructor, or Subject. Examples follow:
Curriculum Vitae Requirement

Sul Ross State University maintains curriculum vitae for faculty members as a part of the ongoing process for accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) requirements. The University adopted a uniform format for faculty vitae which includes institutions of higher education attended and degrees earned, all previous teaching positions, and professional publications relevant to positions held. Public access is available at http://srinfo.sulross.edu/hb2504/. The curriculum vitae for all instructors of record are posted each semester by the seventh class day.

Student End-of-Course Evaluations

In Spring Semester 2017, Sul Ross State University began posting the student end-of-course evaluations on the HB 2504 website. Results are posted four to six weeks after each semester. They are provided by instructor’s name and department. A committee of faculty, staff, and students selected the measures to report. Ratings for the following measures are provided:

- The instructor is accessible to students.
- The instructor’s grading policies were clear.
- The instructor’s assignments were clear.
- The instructor provides adequate feedback regarding a student’s academic progress.
- The instructor does an excellent job teaching this course.

Departmental Budget Report Requirement

Individual department budget reports are posted on the University’s HB 2504 website. This document is updated each academic year and published online at https://www.sulross.edu/sites/default/files/sites/default/files/users/images/budget/budget_fy17.pdf.

Work-Study Employment Opportunities

Sul Ross State University posts an online list of work-study employment opportunities on the following web page: https://sulross.peopleadmin.com/postings/search. Users may insert work-study as their search.

Website Requirements

Sul Ross State University’s HB 2504 website has the following features:

1) Accessible from the University’s internet website home page by use of not more than three links;
2) Searchable by keywords and phrases;
3) Accessible to the public without requiring registration or use of a username, a password, or another user identification;

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4) Updating for each semester by the seventh day class of the term during which the course is offered; and
5) Maintaining information for two years.

Responsible Administrator

Dr. Robert Kinucan, Provost, is the institution’s administrator responsible for implementing the provisions of HB 2504. He is responsible for ongoing oversight, ensuring participation and support, assuring access to information for stakeholders, and submitting a compliance report not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year. Information on deadlines, plans for modifications, and other updates is communicated through Dr. Kinucan to deans, department chairs, and faculty. Inquiries regarding SRSU’s HB 2504 web site may be sent to kinucan@sulross.edu.