

EC Meeting 1/31/25

Present: Carlos Hernandez, Ben Telesca, John Klingeman, Bonnie Warnock, Laura Payne, Natalie Sandoval, Louis Harveson, Dean Culpepper, Suzanne Harris, Eric Funasaki, Betse Esparza, Michelle Lancaster, Sally Roche, Bonnie Albright, Jorge Gonzalez, Sumantra Sengupta, Patrick Stewart, Bernie Canteñs, April Aultman-Becker

Meeting Began: 10:00 am

-Dr. Hernandez explained the email forwarded to EC regarding TSUS Rules and Regulations review.

-EC meetings will now be every other Friday morning from 9-11.

-Policy APM 2.02, APM 5.03 and APM 5.22 updates are approved.

-Betse Esparza updated EC on a meeting that had occurred with WDM. They discussed the Spring Campaign which has been developed and flushed out. Focus remains in El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Eagle Pass. Dr. Klingeman offered that this has the potential to be a key component when building up our Alumni chapters and contact with donors.

-Betse also reported on Optimum. They are scheduled to meet with our new Deans in a few weeks to discuss plans.

-Discussion was held regarding website functionality and consumer experience. Dr. Sengupta was empowered as the chair of a working group to look at this issue.

-Betse reported that Joan Oesper in the print shop will be retiring in July.

-Dr. Canteñs discussed the new TEF process and some challenges that are being faced including the approval process. Bonnie Albright said that the EPAF processes are being set up for different flows. In the meantime, Tanya Adams will be working to ensure that proper approvals are being received.

-Patrick Stewart reported that they are creating teams to address specific issues. They are looking at all processes to make sure the transition is designed to ensure success.

-Ben Telesca reported on construction elements across campus. Requested that if anyone is coming on campus to perform construction/repair elements, please let physical plant know so that we can ensure all needs are prepared for. Fletcher Hall is slated to be completed in July. Requested that any summer activity/camps being planned are reported to Student Life. Several grants for what was traditionally known as Kids College for summer programs are being submitted. Finally, he discussed the phone system across campus.

Reports of full email inboxes from people trying to reach university personnel are increasing. Encouraged all to remind staff to check those inboxes and manage them.

-Michelle Lancaster reported on Follett Summer fees. The flat fee for summer is preferred by EC.

-Bonnie Albright discussed room and board rate increases that will be presented to the Board in February for approval.

-Bonnie Albright provided a legislative update.

-Bonnie also provided an update with the SaaS conversion. Go live date at the moment is end of October/ first of November. Patrick reported the interconnections between fixing current operations and the SaaS conversion are intricate and being worked as they come. Finance will be moving off of Sam Houston partnership into the shared service with Lamar. More updates will be forthcoming.

- Strategic Plan annual report tabled until next meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 12:11pm