Community Update
March 19, 2013
SACS Update

• Steering Committee is now meeting weekly
  – Compliance Certification first drafts 92% complete
  – Currently reviewing, editing, and revising submissions

• Substantive Changes
  – Any program changes in delivery style (online vs. face-to-face) or location and cooperative agreements should be directed to the deans who will consult Accreditation Liaison, Dr. Palmer

• Timeline
  – July 18-19, 2013: Advisory visit with Dr. Barry Goldstein
  – September 10, 2013: Compliance Certification due
  – March 4-6, 2014: On-site committee visit (March 3rd off-campus)
• SACS CR 2.12: Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) “focuses on student learning.”

• Global Scholars
  – “Global” course requirement in core curriculum
  – Component of new student orientation and Freshman Success Seminars
  – Option to become Global Scholar
  – International and national travel opportunities

• Global Fellows
  – Opportunity for faculty involvement to support Global Scholars

• QEP Comments and Questions
  – Open now. Please e-mail QEP.Committee@tamuc.edu
Provost Search

• Search Committee interviewed 8 candidates off-campus

• 4 candidates invited for on-campus interviews
  – Thomas Erekson March 18/19
  – Adolfo Benavides March 25/26
  – Charles McAdams April 1/2
  – Murray Nabors April 4/5

• Provost Search Web Page
  – Provost Search - Final Candidates
Facilities Update – Road Work
Facilities Update – Road Work in Conjunction with the City of Commerce

• Phase 1 includes Lee Street, Bois d’ Arc Street from Lee St. to Hunt St. and Monroe St. from Greenville St. to Live Oak St. Work on all Phase I areas is expected to take 8 to 9 months.
  – Lee Street water and sewer lines install is complete
  – Bids are being taken for the finish out of curbs, sidewalks, and repaving of Lee St.
  – Work on Lee St. is expected to be completed sometime this summer.

• Phase II road work, which will begin when Phase I is completed, will include Monroe Street from Walnut St. to Greenville St., Stonewall St. from Bryan St. to Monroe St.
• Phase II is expected to take 8 to 9 months.
Facilities Update - Phase II
Residence Hall
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Residence Hall

- Project is on time
- Brick work to be completed within 60 days
- 542 beds for Fall 2013
Facilities Update

• Rayburn Student Center Expansion
  – Staging area fenced off; Cooper St. closed for duration of project
  – Construction trailers, lay down area placed on Bois d’Arc Street parking lot
  – Construction wall in dining room over spring break

• Cross Country Course
  – Mowing and development of the area has begun
  – Course is being laid out by Coach Schneider
New Master Plan

• Master Plan Link:
  – [Office of the President – Campus Master Plan](#)

• Input from campus administrators, students, faculty, staff and the community has been compiled

• Final review meeting to be held in March

• Completed Master Plan due in April

• Will be presented to the Board of Regents in August
A&M-Commerce at Rockwall Ribbon Cutting – April 5th, 5:30 p.m.
Keith D. McFarland Science Building Naming Ceremony – March 22nd, 1:30 p.m.
Outsourcing

- Letter of intent with SSC Service Solutions, a subsidiary of Compass Group North America
- To manage building maintenance, landscaping services, and custodial services
- Will be effective on April 1, 2013
- Approximately 125 employees affected

Thank You!
Legislative Update

- House Appropriations Markup Version
  - Up approximately $500K in formula funding

- Senate Finance Markup Version
  - Up approximately $1.5M in formula funding
  - Up $500K in Institutional Enhancement Special Item

- Guaranteed Tuition Model

- Hazlewood

- $10,000 Degree
Athletics – Town Hall Meetings

• A total of 11 town hall meetings were held
  – Athletics department staff  Athletic Council
  – Commerce community  Students
  – Greenville community  Sulphur Springs community
  – Faculty/Staff (2)  Rockwall community
  – Tyler community  Paris community

• A series of nine questions were asked to each group, followed by a Q&A session
• Each answer was recorded and will be addressed individually by the Athletics department
• Answers and feedback provided will be used in development of the Athletic Department’s strategic plan
• Approximately 300 total attendance
Athletics

Nicole Anderson was named Co-Coach of the Year for the Lone Star Conference

New football coach - Colby Carthel
Athletics

- Women’s Basketball advanced to LSC semifinal round
- Men’s Basketball student-athlete, Andrew Davis, was named LSC Academic Player of the Year (second consecutive)
- Preston Whitley was an All-LSC honorable mention selection
- Breanna Harris was a second team All-LSC selection
- Danielle Dixon was an All-LSC honorable mention selection
Faculty Promotions

Recommendation from Faculty Senate

• Academic Life Committee:
  – Recommended salary increase for faculty promotions:
    • $3,500 for assistant to associate
    • $5,000 for associate to professor
• Education 360 Mini-Symposium

• Thursday, April 4th, 2013 | 2:00-4:15 p.m. | RSC-Traditions

• Open roundtable discussions on four Education 360 topics
  – MOOCs: For-Credit or Non-Credit?
  – Online: Share & Share Alike
  – Learning Emporium: Mind the “Gaps”
  – Prior Learning Assessment: Make It Count?
Celebrating a Milestone

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2014
Spring Enrollment Update

• Record achievement of 104,101 SCH
• 12.6% increase over previous spring
• Largest increase in the A&M System
• Second largest increase in the state
“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” – Henry Ford
“I will not deny that there are men in the district better qualified than I to go to Congress, but gentlemen, these men are not in the race.”

Sam Rayburn
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• http://youtu.be/wfg2PKbXbOU
THANK YOU!