Texas A&M University-Commerce
President Dan R. Jones
Community Update
April 7, 2015
“NO ONE has a finer command of language than the person who keeps his mouth shut.” - Sam Rayburn
Academic Affairs Updates

- College of Business
  - BBA and MS degree proposals in Business Analytics in last stages of approval
  - Proposal for a Doctor of Business Administration in development and preliminary stages of approval

- College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts
  - Political Science Department hosting the Model Arab League on April 10
Academic Affairs Updates, cont.

- College of Education & Human Services
  - The Special Education faculty hosted Decoding Dyslexia Workshop on March 28, 2015
  - Community Health Project (HHP 410) to promote healthy eating and physical activity in families of Head Start

- School of Agriculture
  - Hosting 1,800 Future Farmers of America high school students from across the state today
  - Completion of the Agricultural Sciences classroom (by the Greenhouse) is expected by late April; summer classes will be held there
Academic Affairs Updates, cont.

- College of Science & Engineering
  - Mathematics Department hosting 9th International Conference of Differential Equations and Dynamical Systems May 14-16, 2015 at UCD
  - Three Calculus Bowl teams to compete in Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America’s 95th Conference. Students have earned first or second place honors in the past three years.
Center for Faculty Excellence & Innovation

- Will be relocated to the first floor of Gee Library later this spring—grand opening Fall 2015
- CFEI fellow and Special Project Fellow on Lion Institutes for Educators (LIFE) to be announced in early May
- Blended/hybrid courses to be officially launched in Spring 2016
- Descriptions of face-to-face, enhanced, online, and hybrid/blended courses distributed last week
Gee Library Survey

- Link now available on Library’s homepage
- Please complete this survey to help our Library improve its services to meet your needs
Fall Semesters Headcount (HC) Enrollment

Avg. annual HC growth rates: UG= 4.84%, Grad.= 4.50%, Overall: 4.6%

Data Source for all graphs: Enrollment Reports, 12th Class Day, Census Date
Registrar’s office, Texas A&M University-Commerce
Fall Semesters Semester Credit Hours (SCH) Enrollment

Avg. annual growth rates: UG SCHs = 4.34%, Grad. SCHs = 4.83%, Overall SCHs = 4.41%
Graduate vs. Undergraduate Headcount Distribution, Fall 2014

Has remained relatively stable, fluctuating by no more than + or - 1 percentage point in the last five years.
Graduate vs. Undergraduate SCHs Distribution, Fall 2014

Has remained relatively stable, fluctuating by no more than + or - 1 percentage point throughout this seven-year period.
Compared to our graduate students, a much larger percentage of our undergraduates are full-time students taking an average load of 11.7 SCHs / semester. However, this average load is trending down from almost 12.5 SCHs in 2007.
Compared to undergraduates, a much smaller percentage of our graduate students are full-time students taking an average load of 6.22 SCHs/semester.
Avg. annual UG HC growth: 4.8%. **10,000+ undergrad. students by 2021.** Avg. annual Grad. HC growth: 4.5%. **6,000+ graduate students by 2019.** Avg. annual total HC growth: 4.7%. **17,000 total students by 2021.** Shares of UG and Grad. students remain relatively unchanged at about 61% and 39% respectively.
Avg. annual Undergrad. SCH growth: 5.8%, **Increase Avg. SCH/Undergraduate student up to 12.5 SCHs by 2021**. Avg. annual Graduate SCH growth: 5.2%, **Increase Avg. SCHs/Graduate student up to 6.5 SCHs by 2021**. Avg. annual overall SCH growth: 5.7%. **Increase Total SCHs up to 172,600 by 2021 (a 47% increase)**. Shares of UG and G SCHs remain relatively unchanged at 74% and 26% respectively.
Full-Time Faculty Projections

About 100 net new faculty lines over the next seven years.
400 full-time faculty by 2020
Best Bang for the Buck

- **A&M-Commerce ranked 22nd** among the 100 Best Bang for the Buck rankings of Southern universities

- Other A&M System schools ranked:
  - College Station: 2nd
  - Texas A&M International University in Laredo: 4th
  - Prairie View A&M University: 21st
  - Kingsville: 40th
  - Corpus Christi: 83rd
  - Tarleton State University: 98th
Fulbright Scholarship

- Awarded to Dr. Carlos Bertulani
- Professor of physics and astronomy
- Nominated by Institute of Advanced Studies (University of Sao Paulo, Brazil)
- Travel to Brazil to conduct research on nuclear reactions and nuclear astrophysics
Earth-Kind Rose Team

- Awarded Texas A&M AgriLife Vice Chancellor’s Award in Excellence for Collaboration
- Team created by Dr. Derald Harp and Dr. Steve George (of AgriLife Extension)
- Address issues regarding landscaping
- Team recognized 23 rose cultivators as Earth-Kind (roses can take the place of mulch and require little maintenance)
Nursing Innovation Grant

- Awarded to A&M-Commerce by THECB
- Increase use of simulation learning experiences
- Simulation created by Cheryl McKenna
University Shuttle Service

- Transportation Committee chaired by Tim Willett
- Preliminary objectives include
  - Transportation
    - Across campus
    - Offsite teaching locations in Commerce
    - Local stores, post office, etc.
  - Identification of pick up points
  - Times of service
- Department of Safety conducting trial runs
- Proposed name: The Pride Ride
Graduation

- 36 faculty members to participate in each ceremony and be seated in front of the students
- Must be faculty who are not already participating in commencement on stage (Honors advisors, platform party, doctoral hooding, etc.)
- Specifics to follow at a later date
Diversity & Inclusion

- Established a University Diversity & Inclusion Committee (UDIC)
- Contracted with Rankin & Associates Consulting (RAC) to conduct university climate assessment
- RAC presentations held March 26th
  - UDIC “Assessment Work Group Subcommittee”
  - Professional Development Day Session
  - Dean’s Council
  - President’s Advisory Council
Living, Learning, and Working Environment Assessment

- Five Phases
  1. Initial Proposal Meeting/Focus Group
  2. Assessment Tool Development, Communication Plan, IRB Proposal
  3. Survey Implementation & Data Analysis
  4. Development and Presentation of Report
  5. Strategic Actions in Response to Assessment

- Timeline: Approximately 18 months
- Parties Involved: EVERYONE!
- More information: Dr. Edward Romero, Chief Diversity Officer
Gender Discrimination in Relationship to Title IX: A National Concern

- Awareness and Prevention training for all incoming Freshmen – Fall
- Residence Hall staff and residence awareness training – Fall
- Investigator training – April 21, 2015
- Continued awareness for Campus community – faculty and staff
Facilities Update

- De-icing before winter weather
- Winter weather clean-up
Facilities Update, continued

- CIO office relocated
- Heritage Garden renovations begun
- Library build-out for CFEI begun
- Plant Science Classroom building work continues
Formula Funding – Original Projections

- October 31, 2014
  - Estimated reduction between $5.4 million and $700,000 biennium
  - Using Spring 2014 in base period

- February 2015
  - Estimated reduction of $2 million biennium
  - S.B. 1 and H.B. 1 with Spring 2014 and small enrollment increase
What We Did

- 3 war room meetings
- Graduate scholarships
- Incentive scholarships in high weight programs
- Added sections; improved scheduling practices
- Marketing campaign
- Renewed commitment to UCD
- Review of CIP codes
- Drop list collaboration
- Graduate recruiters task force and restructuring
- Process improvement consultant
Formula Funding – Current Projections

- February 2015
  - Estimated increase of $1.5 million biennium
  - Using Spring 2015 in base period

- March 16, 2015
  - Estimated increase of $3 million biennium
  - H.B. 1 with Spring 2015 and 3% increase
Legislative Update

- The House Appropriations Committee substitute includes $1.5 million for our Institute for Competency-Based Education
- Omnibus capital construction project bill
  - Nursing & Health Sciences Building – $48 million
- Expect additional funding in HEF
- Hopeful for additional funding to offset Hazlewood
- Campus Carry
A&M System Administrative Review

- Link to final draft released March 16th
- $880,000 in Annual Savings Opportunities to be redirected to our core mission of Instruction, Research, and Public Service
- Budget Reallocation of 1.75% (totaling $509,249) to be applied toward the PwC Administrative Review goal
- Additional potential savings are being considered by BRDC subcommittee
- Presentation to the Board of Regents this summer
Budget Review & Development Council

- Subcommittees completing work and will soon submit recommendations:
  - Maximize Formula Funding
  - Investment in Marketing
  - Accountability Measures & Long-Term Enrollment Forecasting
  - PwC Administrative Review
  - University Services Fee Allocation Model
Strategic Planning

• Completed
  • 5 open forums and campus-wide survey (completed in Fall 2014 with responses from over 1,300 constituents)
  • 3 open forums and interactive website (completed in Spring 2015 with responses from over 200 constituents)
  • Strategic Planning Taskforce and President’s Advisory Council met 10 times in 2014-2015 in preparation of the final product

• To Come
  • Strategic Planning Taskforce working on final drafts with subcommittees
  • Meeting with SGA and Faculty Senate to present recommended final draft in April 2015
  • Completion date: May 4, 2015
Honors and Regents Class of 2015

- **Honors**
  - Average Class Rank: top 4.6%
  - ACT: 28.3
  - SAT: 1208

- **Regents**
  - Average Class Rank: top 7.7%
  - ACT: 26.7
  - SAT: 1156

- **Overall**
  - Average Class Rank: top 3.7%!
  - ACT: 25.9
  - SAT: 1150
Phi Theta Kappa

- A&M-Commerce to receive Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship and Pathways Pioneer award
- **Dimitri Lyon**, Coordinator of Transfer Initiatives, selected as a CollegeFish University Transfer Champion
- To be presented on April 16th at this year’s convention
The 2014-15 Athletic Year...So Far

- 5 LSC Championships (most in Lion athletic history)
  - Football
  - Women’s Soccer (2)
  - Men’s Indoor Track & Field
  - Men’s Basketball
- 56 All-LSC Student-Athletes
- 2 All-LSC Academic Players of the Year
  - Callie Annett
  - Dorian McCradic
The 2014-15 Athletic Year...So Far

- 21 All-Region Student-Athletes
  - 1 Region Coach of the Year
  - 1 Region Assistant Coach of the Year
- 6 LSC Players of the Year
  - Vernon Johnson, football
  - Tony Pulu, football
  - Savannah Henderson, women’s soccer
  - Darrell Williams, men’s basketball
  - Matt Rich, track & field
  - Luis Romero, track & field
- 12 All-American Student-Athletes
Football Practice in the Snow
Men’s Track & Field

- Indoor: 2015 LSC Champions
- Outdoor: currently ranked 3rd in the nation
Softball

- Finishing inaugural season
- Current season stats
  - 20-18 overall
  - 13-5 home
- New field completed
Advancement

- FY 15 Fundraising through March is $1,226,075 with a goal of $2,000,000
- Alumni Receptions
  - Denver, Colorado (March 23rd)
  - Hopkins County (March 26th)
- Planning underway for a groundbreaking ceremony to initiate construction of the brick garden project
Bain Estate

- Lucian and Juanita Bain left a majority of their estate to A&M-Commerce
- In the process of liquidating estate
- Mrs. Bain grew up in Cooper and graduated in 1943 with a degree in Elementary Education
- The funds from the estate will be used to create a scholarship endowment
Bridge Builders Rise and Shine Breakfast

• April 21\textsuperscript{st}

• Are you a Bridge Builder? If not, don’t miss out! Join today!

• This exciting event will be full of fun, friendship, and awards!

• \textit{Is your department 100%? Those departments that are 100% will receive extra chances at our magnificent prizes!}

• More information soon!
An Evening with Ruby Bridges
Dougherty Sculpture Opening
UCD Ribbon Cutting
Ambassador Robert Jordan
CVS Opened March 15th
Hunt Regional Emergency Medical Center Grand Opening
Sunday, May 17
Other Upcoming Events

- **4/9/15** – ASSET’S Footprints of Change
- **4/14/15** – William L. Mayo Prestigious Speaker Series: RJ Mitte
- **4/15/15** – Convocation for Dr. Ben Jang
- **4/16/15** – Faculty Awards Luncheon
- **4/25/15** – Alumni Recognition Awards Gala
- **10/24/15** – Homecoming
Since 2009, A&M-Commerce has:

- Grown enrollment by 26.61%
- Increased budget from $101 million to $151 million
- Added 58 faculty lines
Innovative New Programs

- Nursing
- Equine Science
- Computational Science
- Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Texas Affordable Baccalaureate
- In development
  - Electrical Engineering
  - Business Analytics
  - Public Health
  - Doctorate of Business Administration
Opened New Facilities

- Music Building
- Sam Rayburn Student Center
- Sam Rayburn Student Center Expansion
- Pride Rock
- Phase II
- Cain Softball Complex
- Nursing Building*
Reorganization

- Created two new colleges
  - College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts
  - College of Science & Engineering
- Reorganized the Graduate School
  - Graduate Studies
  - Office of Sponsored Programs & Research
- Created three new schools
  - School of Social Work
  - School of Nursing & Health Sciences
  - School of Agriculture
- Created the Division of Student Access & Success
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IMAGINATION
“Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men’s blood and probably will not themselves be realized.”

-Daniel Burnham
“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

-Peter Drucker
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