Student Forum
March 23, 2011

Announcements:

1. A video about the new Student Forum Facebook page was presented to encourage students to utilize the event pages and the ability to post questions, concerns and suggestions.

2. A Student Budget Forum to be held Wednesday, March 30 in BA-244 at 5:00 p.m. Information will be presented regarding proposed tuition and fee increases for FY2012 as well as the current budget status of Texas A&M University-Commerce and the state of Texas.

3. The Multicultural Festival will be held Monday, April 1. The Flag Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Issues:

QUESTION / CONCERN / SUGGESTION:	RESPONSE:
Question: Would it be possible for students to access the Rosetta Stone language program that is available for faculty and staff?	Rosetta Stone software licenses for students cost $143, which is a savings of $560 off the normal list price. A&M-Commerce Purchasing will be contacted to determine how to proceed. *Dr. Mary Hendrix, Vice President for Student Access & Success*

Current Issues:

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Question: Why are student groups charged for event setup and services? Shouldn't the services be covered by the tuition and fees that students already pay?	Student groups are charged fees for event setup and services when the event requires significant preparation or when employees are required to work beyond their assigned duties. Fees for setup and service are considered on an event-by-event basis. *Connie Mears, SRSC Associate Director of Operations & Special Events* *Bryan Vaughn, UPD Assistant Chief*
Question: Has the new dorm been named? If so, what is the name?	The name has been submitted and approval is pending. The name will be announced once the process is complete and approval has been received. *Dennis Koch, Director of Residential Living & Learning*
Question: When the new dorm is	Minor changes to the parking area around the new dorm will be

complete, will the parking lot around the area be updated or changed?	completed in order to improve traffic flow. *Dennis Koch, Director of Residential Living & Learning*
Concern/Question: The Radio & Television Department equipment is old and in disrepair. What can students do to encourage the university to replace the equipment?	Students should contact the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Sal Attardo, to express their concern. Students should stress the need for updated equipment so that they have viable experience on the same equipment they will be expected to use when they enter the work force. (Students are reminded to meet first with their respective academic department head before requesting a meeting with the college dean.) *Dr. Mary Hendrix, Vice President for Student Access & Success*
Concern: There are letters missing on the "Welcome to Commerce" sign on Highway 50.	The University will contact the City of Commerce to report the missing letters. *Dr. Mary Hendrix, Vice President for Student Access & Success*
Concern: The football stadium marquee still says "December"	The University will contact the Athletics Department to note the inaccuracy. *Dr. Mary Hendrix, Vice President for Student Access & Success*