



Provost Updates to Faculty Senate

Enrollment Management

As of close of business on April 15, 2015, comparing like days, fall 2015 enrollment was 5,837. This represents an increase of 4.5% comparing like days.

Currently, for fall 2015, our total applications are at 13,710 which represents a 4% increase compared to last year same time. We have admitted 7,793 students for the fall 2015 semester which represents an increase of 15% compared to last year same time.

We have received 11,512 first-time in college (FTIC) applications which represents a 10% increase compared to last year same time. We have admitted 7,012 FTIC students which represents a 19% increase compared to last year same time.

There are approximately 3,000 guests registered for Island Day on April 18, 2015. This is the largest number of registrations for an Island Day in our history. Of the approximate 3,000 guests, 1,048 are prospective students and 81% of those prospective students have been admitted to the University for fall 2015.

My Final Message to Faculty Senate

I have really enjoyed serving as your provost these past four years. Looking back, we have accomplished a great deal by working together. I am proud of the Center for Faculty Excellence, the Islander Forum, and the New Faculty Seminar Series as investments in our mission. I want to thank Faculty Senate for playing such a pivotal role in TAMUCC's development these past four years. Your review of new undergraduate and graduate programs will benefit students and faculty members for years to come. Your participation in developing key rules and procedures that provided promotion paths for new professional, clinical, and research faculty — and guaranteeing faculty voting rights for these categories of faculty — has elevated the status of many of your colleagues. Together we revised and restarted faculty development leave, established a practice for supporting faculty on funded fellowships, and expanded the faculty excellence awards. I am thankful that even as we tackled difficult issues such as summer school funding, the CUPA salary study, the status and promotion of librarians, post-tenure review, and faculty work-load policies, we kept the lines of communication open, and I believe, built trust. As you know, I place a high value on the role of shared governance and want to thank you for the thoughtful and productive relationship we have had during my time at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Thank you for all that you do for your students, this community, and each other.

- Dr. Chris Markwood, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Spring 2015 Commencement Week Events

College of Education Induction Ceremony	May 14	6:30 p.m.	UC Anchor Ballroom
Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony	May 15	10:00 a.m.	Harte Research Institute Room 127
College of Nursing & Health Sciences Recognition Ceremony	May 15	1:30 p.m.	Performing Arts Center
College of Science & Engineering Hooding and Cording Ceremony	May 15	2:00 p.m.	Island Hall Room 160
College of Business Graduate Recognition Ceremony and Reception	May 15	6:00 p.m.	OCNR Lobby
College of Education Hooding Ceremony	May 15	6:30 p.m.	UC Anchor Ballroom

Important Dates to Remember:

- April 12-18 ♦ National Library Week
- April 18 ♦ Island Day
- April 21 ♦ Faculty Publications Bibliography Reception | LIB 208 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- April 22 ♦ McNair Day
- April 24 ♦ Annual Retiree Luncheon | 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | UC Anchor Ballroom
- April 24 ♦ Islander Awards Celebration | 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. | UC Anchor Ballroom
- May 16 ♦ Spring 2015 Commencement Ceremonies | 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

-Aristotle

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
ABROAD**

**Dolphinaris/TAMUCC
Marine Biology in the
Yucatan 2015**

10-week Summer Session May 30th-
Aug. 7th
14 students, 1 faculty, 1 program
assistant

**NYC2015: World Capital of
Culture and Industry**

5-week Summer Session I May 30th-
July 3rd
14 students, 2 faculty members

**Islanders in Scotland-Physical
Sciences 2015**

5-week Summer Session I May 29th-
July 3rd
27 students, 2 faculty members

**Dongguk Korea: International
Summer School 2015**

5-week Summer Session June 18th-
July 28th
2 students

**Islanders in Spain 2015: Core
Curriculum Abroad**

5-week Summer Session II July 3rd-
Aug. 7th
54 students, 1 Director, 7 faculty

**Arts in Germany 2015: The
Studio Arts**

4-week Summer Session II July 18-
Aug. 15
Tentative: 5 students, 1 faculty

**Coral Reef Fishes of
Belize 2015**

3-week Augmester Aug. 10-24th
Tentative: 8 students, 2 faculty

**College of Business Fall 2015
at Hochschule Worms,
Germany**

Fall Semester 2015 Aug. 28- Dec.
20th
7 students

HIPs Planning Workshops | May 21, 2015

The Center for Faculty Excellence and the Office of the Provost would like to invite you to a HIPs Planning Workshop on May 21, 2015 from 10am to 3pm in the UC Anchor Ballrooms. The event will give faculty an opportunity to discuss the future of the high impact practices initiative, what each college is doing in regards to high impact practices, and the next steps involved in assessing the initiative.

A Presentation and Workshop will be conducted by Dr. Audrey Hovannesian from the California State University System Office of the Chancellor. Dr. Hovannesian has worked with the California State System in identifying, implementing, and assessing their high impact practices initiative. She has also conducted planning workshops for the California System and individual campuses focused on high impact practices.

Schedule:

10:00 am – 10:30 am	Welcome
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Dr. Audrey Hovannesian California State System, Office of the Chancellor
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch (provided)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Workshop (Conducted by Dr. Hovannesian)
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Final Discussion

Please register at <https://cfetamucc.wufoo.com/forms/wbyqgfb1yfahft/> by May 15, 2015 at 5pm so we can get an accurate count for lunch. Hope to see you there!

Staff Updates

Ms. Wendy Benderman

Faculty Recruitment and Records Coordinator
Start Date: April 20, 2015

Ms. Claire Wilson

Senior Executive Assistant to the Provost
Start Date: May 11, 2015

Dr. Derek S. Yu

Director
Office of International Education
Start Date: May 18, 2015

Resource Tip:



**Open educational
resources in higher
education**

A guide to online resources
Eleanor J. Goldberg and Michael LaMagna

To read the article, visit
[http://crln.acrl.org/
content/73/6/334.full](http://crln.acrl.org/content/73/6/334.full).

Provost's next Open Office Hours will be on

Friday, May 1, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Any faculty or staff member is welcome to stop by and discuss ideas, opportunities, issues of concern, or just introduce her/himself. Please remember that any request for resources, however, must follow the proper paths of responsibility. I look forward to meeting with you!