New Regents Professor

Dr. Donald Deis, Professor of Accounting in the College of Business, has been named as a 2013-2014 Regents Professor Award Recipient by the Texas A&M University System. Congratulations, Dr. Deis!

Blackboard Grade Integration

Grades can now be submitted directly from the Blackboard Grade-book. You can find a tutorial explaining the process on Island Online, click here.

Academic Program Updates:

◊ Ph.D. in Geospatial Computing Sciences approved by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).
◊ Master degree in Coastal and Marine System Sciences approved by the Board of Regents.
◊ Doctor of Nurse Practice, DNP, is under review by the THECB.

2014 Outstanding Online Educator Awards

The Office of Distance Education and Learning Technologies (ODELT) hosted its first Outstanding Online Educator Awards Ceremony and Mixer on November 12, 2014. Recipients were nominated by their college dean for their use of online tools to support student engagement and success in flipped, blended, or fully online courses.

Congratulations and thank you for your continued efforts in improving the online education experience for our students and sharing best practices with your colleagues!

2014 Survey Results Available!

Dr. Leona Urbish, Associate Vice President for Planning & Institutional Research, has announced that the results are in for the following surveys that were administered in 2014:

◊ Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE)
◊ Graduating Student Survey (GSS)
◊ Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) Survey

To view these and other survey results, please visit pir.tamucc.edu.

Changes to Single Sign On (SSO)

You may have noticed that versions of SSO have been deployed with new features to enhance user logon capabilities and improve site security.

Many employees use their campus or agency identity credentials to logon to campus-based applications, including student information systems, online teaching services, and parking permits. SSO now accepts campus or agency credentials from a few System Members, with plans to later expand the function to all System Members.

What this means to you:

◊ The SSO logon page has been redesigned to include logon links for participating campuses/agencies.
◊ You can choose to logon using your campus/agency credentials or, as before, with your UIN.
◊ During the initial pilot phase, employees using the Texas A&M University NetID or Corpus Christi Island ID will be able to use the new logon functions.

Click here to learn more.

Important Dates to Remember:

November 27-28  ♦ Thanksgiving Holidays | Campus Closed
December 2       ♦ Last Day of Classes
December 3       ♦ Reading Day
December 4       ♦ Faculty Self-Service open to enter final grades
December 13      ♦ Fall 2014 Commencement | American Bank Center | 10:00 AM
December 15      ♦ Deadline to enter all final grades by 12:00 PM
December 24 - January 4 ♦ Christmas and New Year’s Holidays | Campus Closed
January 12       ♦ President’s Faculty/Staff Meeting | Performing Arts Center
January 13-15    ♦ Spring 2015 Islander Forum
Provost’s next Open Office Hours will be on December 2, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 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!