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Provost Updates to Faculty Senate

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!

From left to right: Dr. Blair Sterba-Boatwright, Dr. Frank Spaniol, Dr. Cristi Day, Dr. Monica Hernandez, and Dr. Shane Anderson

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

2014 Bush School Fellows

Congratulations!

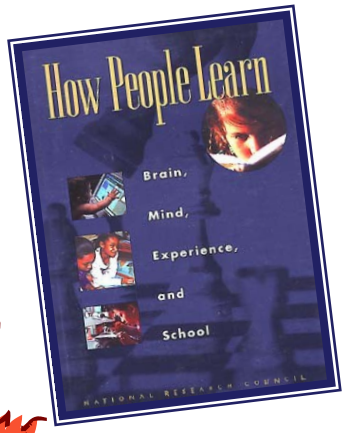
Ms. My Thi Ha Bui
Mr. Trevor Deason
Ms. Regina Salinas

All are TAMU-CC students that were selected to attend the prestigious Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University's annual Public Service Institute held just for TAMU system school undergraduates.

These students are nominated by campus faculty/liaisons who have identified them as future public servants interested in the fields of nonprofits, government agencies (local, state and federal), national security agencies, private industry with a public interest, government contractors, international NGOs, think tanks, and more. Only 25 students from the 10 TAMU system schools are chosen to attend. Those selected to attend become Bush Fellows and receive travel, lodging, and campus meals during their experience. Read more.

Resource Tip:

How People Learn by John Bransford.



Adoption of Test-Proctoring Software

We are pleased to announce the partnership between TAMU-CC and Examity, a recognized leader in remote test proctoring. Our relationship offers students a secure and convenient way to take online exams. You will have the flexibility to select from 5 levels of online test security and tailor the test environment to meet your specifications.

TAMU-CC needs Examity to **ensure the integrity of online exams and protect our accreditation**. Examity will help us maintain standards across all classes, regardless of format. This is a critical factor in the success of our online education strategy. Additionally, Examity is fully ADA-compliant, so all students may take advantage of the service.

Examity is **integrated with Blackboard.** You may access Examity directly from Blackboard, without the hassle of another username and password. It also means that before using Examity for the first time, all pertinent information will be imported into the system for you, including class enrollment.

Examity is **fully transparent.** Feel free to track when students take tests and review video recordings from any test session. Examity will provide you with incident reports if a student is caught cheating.

- Training materials are available at http://www.examity.com including:
  - Informational Videos
  - Quick-Start User Guide
  - Customizable email templates to inform students about Examity
- Group training webinars will be scheduled on a time and date identified by your group.
- Dedicated one-on-one assistance is always available. Contact Matt Barlas at (855) 392-6489 x707, (508) 951-8888, or mbarlas@examity.com.
- 24/7 Technical Support at 1-855-Examity or support@examity.com
- You can find information about Examity on Island Online at https://iol.tamucc.edu/onlinetesting_instructors.html

For more information and training on using Examity in your online course, please contact the Office of Distance Education and Learning Technologies at (361) 825-2122.

Enrollment Management Update

As of November 19, 2014, comparing like days, the **spring 2015 enrollment was 8,458 students**. This represents an increase of 6.1%. Currently, for fall 2015, our total applications are at 4,457 which represents a 6.3% increase compared to last year same time. We have admitted 1,221 students for the fall 2015 semester which represents an increase of 14.7% compared to last year same time. We have received 4,205 first-time in college (FTIC) applications which represents a 7.3% increase compared to last year same time. We have admitted 1,192 FTIC students which represents a 16.7% increase compared to last year same time.

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!