

### **Report on the Academic Council's Recent Activities**

Raiders Engaged Program: This program is under the auspices of the Office of the Community Engagement, aimed at relaying the community related and engagement activities happening at TTU to the communities across the country. An in-house mechanism aimed at measuring community engagement activities is in place at TTU. The deadline for completing 2015-16 related survey is December 31, 2016. The survey for the current academic year (2016-17) will be available soon.

Quality Enhancement Program and Center for Global Engagement: Dr. Paul Pare is the new director of the program. In the August academic council meeting, Dr. Pare stated that employers look for more than technical expertise. TTU's students fall below the national average with regard to cultural expertise based on the data from the National Survey of Student Engagement assessment, which is administered by Office of Planning and Assessment. Global Engagement office is working on a competitive integrated learning experience, where students engage in a reward-based program similar to credentialing program in order to earn a distinction on their transcripts (According to Vice Provost Durham).

Senior Vice Provost Robert Stewart requested faculty to complete textbook orders promptly. The state-mandated deadline for ordering textbook was 30 days prior to the start of the classes. *Dr. Stewart will be briefing about this aspect in the Faculty Senate meeting on October 12, 2016.*

A motion was approved in the August meeting to reduce semester credit hour requirement for the B.S. in Multidisciplinary Studies to 120 hours from 123.

Associate Vice Provost Justin Louder reminded Council the importance of assuring for accessibility purposes the captioning of instructional videos used in any courses. Justin's office can be contacted for more information about options and resources.

Vice Provost Genevieve Durham DeCesaro announced the enhanced availability of supplemental instruction and tutoring in the Math department. This is in addition to supplemental instruction and tutoring for math already available in the office of Support Operations for Academic Retention (SOAR).

An ad hoc committee of Academic Council members was assigned to look into the viability of club sports falling under the auspices of university-sponsored activity for purposes of missed classes ([OP 34.04 Sec. 4](#)).

Respectfully submitted,

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