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I. Integrated Scholar Model & 2010 TTU Integrated Scholars (ATTT 2 (2) 2010;

http://www.depts.ttu.edu/provost/attt/)

II. Budget Working Group (BWG)

- Texas's Fiscal Situation
- TTU's Potential Hedge
- Enter the BWG
- State & National Context for BWG's Efforts
- BWG White Paper
- TTU Budget Priorities & Recommendations
- Supplement to TTU Strategic Plan & RCM Budgeting
- Bailey & Smith, ATTT 2 (2) 2010.
- Follow-up Efforts

III. P/T Matters & Tier I Aspirations

- A. P/T Reviewers
 - Tier I Aspirations; State & World Missions
 - 55 Peers: Big 12, Big 10, PAC 10, Big East, ACC & SEC
 - External Reviews
 - P/T Reviewers, 2009-2010: Friends, Colleagues, Former Mentors, Non-Academics
 - Fairness to Majority
 - TTU Faculty Handbook
 - Reviews with Deans, Spring 2010
 - Letters from Objective Reviewers @ Peer Institutions
 - Flexibility in 2010-2011; OP 32.01 & Attachment A Review
- B. Electronic Files
 - 2010-2011 Deans' Offices Work

IV. Faculty Fellowship Initiative

- A. Tier I Indicators
 - Outstanding Teaching/R-S-C Efforts/Outreach
 - Peer Recognition: Rankings, Awards, Appointments, Fellowships
 - Objective Measures
- B. Fellowship Incentives
 - Major Fellowships (e.g., Fulbright, Guggenheim)
 - Faculty Benefits: Salary Boost (\$5,000), Cost of Living Support (\$25,000)
 - Role of the Deans & Office of Research Services

Ties That Bind

Thinking about *Le Petit Prince* (*The Little Prince*)—Students, Alumni & the Beginning of a New Academic Year

- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1900-1944)
- 1935 Adventure; Publication in 1943
- Stops on the trip from B-612
- Interactions with the Aviator
- Departure (Chapter 26 [see below])
- Commitment to Life-Long Interactions (Learning)
- Alumni as "students with degrees." –Glenn Terrell (1920-)

From *The Little Prince*, Chapter 26:

"All men have the stars . . . but they are not the same things for different people. For some, who are travelers, the stars are guides. For others they are no more than little lights in the sky. For others, who are scholars, they are problems. For my businessman they were wealth. . . . You--you alone--will have the stars as no one else has them . . .

In one of the stars I shall be living. In one of them I shall be laughing. And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing, when you look at the sky at night . . .

And when your sorrow is comforted . . . you will be content that you have known me. You will always be my friend. You will want to laugh with me. And you will sometimes open your window, so, for that pleasure . . . And your friends will be properly astonished to see you laughing as you look up at the sky! Then you will say to them, 'Yes, the stars always make me laugh!'"