COVID-19

All Islander students, faculty, and staff (regardless of vaccination status) are required to receive a campus-administered COVID-19 test by September 10. Registration is now open through the end of the testing period. SandDollar$ ID’s are required to check in, and upon completion of the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test, each participant should leave the testing site. Notifications will be sent if someone tests positive or if the test is inconclusive within 24 hours. Also, many campus units are contributing to this all-hands-on-deck effort. Please sign-up to work Week 3 of the testing event and help us ensure a safe return to campus.

Comptroller

Foreign Vendor Reminders: All foreign vendors must be reviewed through Glacier for tax withholdings. FY22 foreign vendors will be reviewed after September 10. All new foreign vendors must go through the Vendor Care area, do not upload them to TAMU, as they will reject them. Be sure to send the Certificate of Foreign Status with Foreign Tax ID to VendorCare@tamucc.edu.

Email Reminders: Only invoices should be sent to Disburse@tamucc.edu, which is the Accounts Payable ticketing system. Questions about invoices need to go to Accounts.Payable@tamucc.edu. Any vendor issues and employee or guest Concur set ups go to VendorCare@tamucc.edu. You can also contact us by phone at 361.825.2780 if you have any additional questions.

Financial Statement Reports: Monthly financial statements will no longer be emailed to account responsible persons. The statements provided a snapshot of financial account month-end balances and were used to ensure departmental financial records were in line with the University’s financial accounting system. Real-time reporting is available to department users through Canopy and/or FAMIS to allow accounts to be reconciled on a more frequent basis. Departments are encouraged to regularly compare their office financial records and promptly report any discrepancies to the Accounting office. Please feel free to contact your accountant or accounting.services@tamucc.edu with any questions or concerns.

Payroll Schedules: FY22 bi-weekly and monthly payroll schedules have been posted on the Payroll website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Payroll Office at 361.825.3231.

Human Resources

Check Your Benefit Premiums: Did you make open enrollment changes? Check your first bi-weekly paycheck (September 11) or monthly paycheck (October 1) to ensure the changes you made are accurate with your monthly premium deductions. If any errors are found, please email Benefits@tamucc.edu with your UIN and a description of the error.

External Employment: If you are full-time faculty or staff and have an additional job outside of the University, you must obtain approval each year. External employment must not interfere with your ability to do your job and employee must not conduct personal business during official work hours. External employment requests must be submitted using the External Employment Application Form or the Faculty Consulting and/or External Employment Form (when external employment is related to faculty discipline).

Administrative Operations

Downtown Chaparral Building and Beach Project: A design group for each project has been selected and will begin meeting later this Fall once contracts are complete.

Roof Replacements: Center for Instruction roof replacement is in progress. Construction is estimated to be completed in October. ECDC roof replacement is estimated to begin in September.

Elevator Program: Faculty Center modernization is in progress, and it is estimated to be completed in September.

Mark Your Calendars

September 6 – Labor Day holiday
September 6 – FY22 DBR module available
September 7 – FY22 payments begin disbursement
September 10 – COVID testing deadline
September 15-October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month
University Services

Coming Soon GRUBHUB+: TAMU-CC will be partnering with GRUBHUB+ to provide free delivery at no monthly cost. Be on the lookout on our social media sites for more information.

Information Technology

LinkedIn Learning at TAMU-CC Get inspired and start learning today. LinkedIn Learning has 16,000+ online courses taught by real-world professionals, including training on popular software applications to help develop your creative and technical skills. For more information, visit LinkedIn Learning.

Budget

FY22 Budget Approved: The FY22 budget came in at just under $266 million (excluding debt service). This represents a ~$52 million increase over FY21. The overall increase is primarily due to an increase in the scholarships budget for awards utilizing CARES/HEERF funding and expenses associated with the newly acquired Islander Housing. Personnel costs of $138 million represents a $6.1 million increase over FY21 is attributable to faculty promotions, faculty and staff market driven adjustments, and funding for a 0-3% performance-based merit pool (subject to enrollment), as well as the associated benefit expenses. The FY22 budget and payroll encumbrances have been loaded into FAMIS and are currently available to view in FAMIS and/or Canopy. Over the next two weeks, the Budget team will be reviewing accounts and making any necessary adjustments. Please reach out to budgets@tamucc.edu after September 15 if you believe a discrepancy has not been resolved.

Year-End Balances: FY21 year-end balances (net of encumbrances) on allocated accounts will be swept. Operating funds (non-salary related funds) on Designated Tuition (28xxxxx), University Services Fee (207xxx), and non-Special Item state accounts (1xxxxxx) will be re-allocated at the VP Level once the fiscal year is finalized in mid-October. HEF will not roll forward. As always, should additional funding be needed outside of the FY22 budget, a new Fiscal Request will need to be submitted for approval.

Dining Update

Modified location hours beginning tomorrow, 8/26/2021.
Subway: 10:00am - 7:00pm
Bottom Line Café: 7:30am - 3:00pm
Wall Mall: Closed
All other location hours will stay the same. Additional updates will be communicated as needed.

Starbucks Nitro Cold Brew Now Available: When the signature Cold Brew (slow-steeped for 20 hours) is infused with nitrogen as it pours from the tap you get Nitro Cold Brew. The nitrogen infusion creates microbubbles, giving the coffee a cascading, frothy texture. Give it a try!

Hemispheres Café: You spoke, and we listened! Islander Dining is excited to announce Hemispheres Café located in Island Hall. Join us in welcoming them to the campus by stopping in to try a delicious smoothie or coffee.