



Provost Town Hall Meeting for Faculty and Staff
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
1:30 PM, Performance Arts Center

Dear Texas A&M University – Commerce Faculty and Staff:

Thank you very kindly for attending this informal meeting. In the interest of maximizing the limited time that we have, rather than a Provost monologue I would prefer that you ask questions on topics of your interest. Below is a list of Academic Affairs issues that have emerged as key ones and that will be at the top of the agenda for next academic year and beyond. The list is by no means exhaustive; please feel free to ask questions on topics not listed below:

- Center for Faculty Excellence and Innovation (CFEI), now located in Gee Library.
 - Quality Matters for online courses.
 - Proctoring exams in online courses (Remote Proctor Now – Pilot next fall.)
 - E-Portfolio for submission of Promotion and Tenure packets (Digitization pilot next year.)
- Texas Affordable Baccalaureate (TAB) Competency-Based BAAS in Organizational Leadership.
- Promotion and Tenure (Revision of University Procedure 12.01.99.00.01, Academic Freedom, Tenure, Promotion, and Post-Tenure Review.)
 - Impact of faculty teaching/Contributions to Student Learning, Research and Creative Activities, and Service.)
 - Scholarship of Teaching.
- Commencement Ceremonies...new seating arrangement for faculty.
- Teaching Workload for Full-Time Faculty, not just about number of classes taught...incorporating Semester Credit Hours (SCHs.)
- Texas A&M University-Commerce's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan.
- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's (THECB) 60X30 TX Strategic Plan Proposal.
- Other topics...

Please accept my sincere and personal appreciation for what you do day in and day out to advance the mission of our university. Best wishes as you close out this semester with finals and grading.

With my personal regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adolfo Benavides", followed by a horizontal line.

Adolfo Benavides
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs