

1. A general description of your university.

1. Profile and enrollment

Texas A&M University – College Station is a Tier 1 Research University. Preliminary twentieth class day enrollments for the Spring 2010 semester indicate a enrollment of 45,858 students, down slightly from the record enrollment in the fall, but up 2.5% from Spring 2009. This total breaks down to 36,387 undergraduates, 5,375 Masters, 3,589 Doctoral and 507 professional students.

The University's purpose statement '*To develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good*' captures the Aggie core values of integrity, leadership, selfless service, excellence and respect. These values reflect its growth from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas with a strong military tradition to its current status as research-intensive flagship university serving Texas as a Land Grant Institution.

TAMU has approximately 2,700 faculty members, including 447 new faculty members hired in the past five years.

2. new programs and degrees

Since the Fall TCFS meeting, the TAMU faculty senate approved the following degree programs.

- A five-year joint degree program between the International Studies Degree Program and George Bush School of Government and Public Service where in five years a student would earn a B.A. in International Studies and Masters in International Affairs;
- Master of Science Degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering;
- Added a minor in Japanese;
- Added a Dance Science Track to our B.S. in Kinesiology;
- And discontinued a B.S. degree in Floriculture.

These programs are currently working their way for approvals at higher levels.

3. major construction and renovation

Currently TAMU has nearly 800 million dollars of construction underway or in the planning stages.

New Construction

Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building	Just Completed	98.9 M
Mitchell Physics Building	Dedicated	82.5 M
Lab Animal Resources & Research	Under Construction	12.9 M
Emerging Technologies and Economic Development	Under Construction	104 M
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Facility	Under Construction	15.4 M
Veterinary Research Building Addition	Under Construction	19.7 M
Texas Institute for Preclinical Studies(TIPS)	Under Construction	47.8 M
Texas Transportation Institute Headquarters	Under Construction	18.9
Agricultural State Headquarters	Under Construction	62.4 M
University Graduate Apartments	Under Construction	35.5 M
Veterinary Imaging and Cancer Treatment Center	Planning/Design	4.5 M

Major Renovations

Memorial Student Center	Under Construction	105 M
Military Walk	Under Construction	4 M
YMCA Building	Planning Design	15 M
Chemistry Building	Design	9.9 M

Other major infrastructure projects include a grade separation between road and railway for 2nd underpass between East and West portions of campus (34 M/Planning/Design)

2. A description of your faculty assembly/council/senate

a. its composition

We have 100 Senators elected to three-year staggered terms which by apportionment (every 3 years) now mean approximately 1 faculty senator per 24 faculty member (instructors and higher ranks). Each college and Unit (Library, Qatar and Galveston) is guaranteed at least 2 seats. Officers are Speaker, Speaker-elect and Secretary-Treasurer who with 7 other elected members, constitute the Executive Committee. No more than two members of the EC can be from the same college. We have just undergone our three-year reapportionment of faculty senate seats among colleges.

b. highlights of recent and current business and

(c) A description of 1-2 major issues on your campus.

Outside the topic of *Financial Exigency and Budget Cuts* the major issues on our campus have been the ongoing search for a new president which ended successfully with appointment of Dr. R. Bowen Loftin who was serving as the interim president. The Speaker of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Robert Bednarz served

on the search committee and three members of the faculty senate represented the faculty in meetings with the short-listed candidates.

2. *Special Topic* – *Financial Exigency and Budget Cuts***

In meeting the 5% budget reduction proposed by the Legislative Budget Board, Texas A&M Administration worked with the faculty senate and staff council and student organizations to identify cuts of approximately 28 million dollars over the biennium.

Early on in the process, the president meet with the faculty senate executive committee to elicit feedback on the general principles that would be used in guiding the cuts, including a freeze on merit raises for this fiscal year. The faculty senate then requested feedback from all faculty which were forwarded to the President for his consideration. Faculty input was too be sought in determining budgetary cuts at the college and department level as well, but the extent of faculty involvement at these levels varied across colleges and departments.

Once colleges had forwarded their budgetary plans to the upper administration, faculty, staff and student representatives meet with the Provost to to provide feedback and to prioritize the general areas in which reductions would be realized. The final areas in order of prioritization are:

1. Expansion of Procurement/Processing Efficiencies
2. Reduction in Travel Expenditures
3. Cost Avoidance (No Salary Merit Program for FY 2011)
4. Units/Programs Reduced Combined or Eliminated
5. Targeted Operational Budget Reductions by non-colleges
6. Position Savings – non colleges
7. Targeted Operational Budget Reductions by colleges
8. Position Savings by colleges

The one page summary of the 5% TAMU budget reduction plan can be found at <http://finance.tamu.edu/budget/docs/TAMU-5-Percent-Required-Reduction-Plan.pdf>.