Date of Report: 3/20/2014

Title: Faculty and Staff Campus Environment Survey and Student Campus Environment Survey

Purpose: The obtain feedback from the university community regarding the campus, particularly the campus master plan; the physical environment; instructional environment; parking, pedestrian and bicycle traffic; safety; landscaping; cleanliness and recycling; dining facilities; and small campus feel.

Semester conducted: ☑ Spring  Year: 2014

☑ Summer  ☐ Fall

Brief description of sample (Include information about how the survey was distributed; to whom it was sent; how many were included in the final sample and how many responded):

The survey was sent to 5000 students and 3873 faculty and staff. There were 480 faculty and staff respondents, a response rate of 16.41%. There were 136 student respondents, a response rate of 2.72%.

Overall response rate achieved (report percentage): 6.9%

Key findings: 80% of the faculty and staff respondents agree or strongly agree that the university operates and maintains physical facilities on campus that appropriately serve the needs of the institution’s educational programs, support services, and other mission related activities. 81% of the faculty and staff respondents agree or strongly agree that the university operates and maintains physical facilities off campus that appropriately serve the needs of the institution’s educational programs, support services, and other mission related activities. 93% of the student respondents agree or strongly agree that the university operates and maintains physical facilities on campus that appropriately serve the needs of the institution’s educational programs, support services, and other mission related activities. 54% of the faculty and staff respondents agree the university has adequate physical resources to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services. Space and parking were cited as insufficient. 91% of the faculty and staff respondents agree or disagree that the campus construction status web site is informative. 87% of the faculty and staff respondents agree or strongly agree that the university takes reasonable steps to provide a healthy, safe and secure environment for all members of the campus community. 63% of the faculty and staff respondents agree or strongly agree the campus is well lighted at night for safety purposes. 82% of student respondents are satisfied with the physical condition of their campus housing. 69% of the student respondents agree or strongly agree that the construction status web site is informative. 84% of the student respondents agree or strongly agree that the physical layout of classrooms facilitates learning and 86% of the student respondents agree or strongly agree that the physical layout of laboratories facilitates learning. 82% of the student respondents disagree or strongly disagree the university should restrict the presence of student/vendor booths on the Quad. 90% of the student respondents agree or strongly agree that the institution takes reasonable steps to provide a healthy, safe and secure environment. 56% of the student respondents agree or strongly agree that the campus is well lighted at night for safety purposes and 44% disagree or
strongly disagree. 68% of the student respondents agree or strongly agree that the campus needs more student dining facilities and 79% agree or strongly agree that the campus needs more student recreational facilities.

Actions planned or taken as a result of findings: Results from the survey are shared with the appropriate departments (e.g., comments about dining are shared with Auxiliary Services, comments about safety are shared with UPD, etc...). Departments are responsible for reviewing the comments and deciding what actions need to be taken. They do not report back to the VPFSS Office. However, it is known that the Campus Lighting Committee tours the campus each semester to determine where additional lighting is needed to address student concerns. University administration is very aware that additional space is needed for instructional purposes and research and maintains a campus master plan and capital improvement plan to provide that space. Unfortunately we are dependent on state funding for new facilities. We have applied for Tuition Revenue Bond money to build an Engineering and Science Building in San Marcos and a Health Professions Building in Round Rock. Several renovation projects and utility projects are currently underway to ensure our physical facilities appropriately serve the needs of the university.

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