Thursday, April 30, 2020

Howdy Student Organization Leaders and Advisors,

As we look to the future, we will continue to keep you updated by transitioning this weekly newsletter to a monthly update. We encourage you to follow Student Activities on its social media platforms @tamustuact, and don’t forget to check out our Student Organization Resources and Updates (COVID-19) website as we will continue to provide helpful content there.

KEY UPDATES
• Good luck with finals!
• Congratulations to the 2020 Adair Student Organization and Advisor of the Year Recipients. For more information on these awards and to see the list of recipients, click here.
• Yesterday President Young released an update on Texas A&M’s continuing COVID-19 guidance and campus operations plans in consideration of new executive orders issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott On Monday, April 27. This update clarified that the new executive orders did not prompt any changes to current protocols, so Texas A&M University will continue its current mode of operations until further notice. For more details and to read President Young’s full message click here.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FINANCE CENTER (SOFC) UPDATES
• The SOFC is now accepting Deposits and Cash Advance Reconciliations in the Koldus Night Depository on Tuesdays from 8:00-11:00 A.M. Secure bags and deposit slips will be available in the hallway outside of the SOFC Office Suite, Koldus 235. Non-cash deposits will continue to be accepted by mail at 235 John J Koldus Student Services Building, 1236 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-1236.
• As a reminder, the SOFC has developed a variety of eForms that are available for use by student organizations to facilitate financial operations. These eForms can be found on the Student Organization Resources and Updates (COVID-19) website.
• The SOFC continues to operate virtually to manage student organization financial needs. Visit tx.ag/SOFCVirtualOfficeHours to select a time and schedule a Virtual Office Hours appointment, or email sofc@stuact.tamu.edu with any questions.

ORGANIZATION MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES
• Many recognized student organizations are renewing their recognition status during the month of April. Should you encounter any challenges or have any questions, please feel free to contact soda@stuact.tamu.edu.
• The University Center & Special Events office is now accepting reservation requests for student organization meetings held from August 15 - December 13, 2020. For more information on using the Student Semester template to request space in UCEN facilities, follow the link to https://ucenter.tamu.edu/reserve/.

NOTABLE UNIVERSITY UPDATES
• The University has extended the time that students have to opt-in to S/U grading. Degree candidates will have until 6pm on Thursday, May 7th to make their selection. All other students will have until Noon on Tuesday, May 12th.

TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES
• Zoom’s Desktop Client has a new update! This update allows you to lock any meeting you are hosting! To learn how to update to Version 4.6.10 & find out where the new feature is located visit KeepTeaching.tamu.edu.

This will be our final weekly update, with future updates coming on a monthly basis through the summer. The Department of Student Activities is still here to support you and your organization, however, so please contact us at soda@stuact.tamu.edu for direct student organization assistance or info@stuact.tamu.edu for general Student Activities questions.

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